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Births.

UPTON.—December 17, at her residence, Carlton, the wife of Charles Upton, of a son.

Deaths.

DINGWALL-GORRIE.—December 21, at his residence, No. 42, Missenden-road, Camperdown, Thomas Dingwall-Gorrie, better known as Tom Dingwall, aged 49 years. Let not the strong glory in their strength. Inserted by his loving wife Emma.

FORDE.—Sunday, December 23, accidentally drowned at Blacktown, Edward James Forde, son of Emily and the late J. B. Forde (formerly of Jarrett and Co.), aged 4 years 5 months. Gone to his Father in Heaven.

Shipping.

UNION STEAMSHIP COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND, Limited.
SAN FRANCISCO ROYAL MAIL SERVICE.

OVERLAND ROUTE TO ENGLAND, VIA SAN FRANCISCO AND NEW YORK, CALLING AT AUCKLAND AND HONOLULU.

Avoiding alike the heat of the Red Sea and cold of Cape Horn.

Under Contract with the Postmasters-General of New South Wales and New Zealand, the steamers of this line are appointed to leave Sydney and Auckland for Honolulu and San Francisco EVERY FOUR WEEKS, sailing as under:—

Steamer.	Tons.	Commander.	Leave Sydney at 4 p.m.	Arrive at San Francisco.
Alameda	3000	H. G. Morse	Dec. 26	Jan. 19
Mariposa	3158	H. M. Hayward	Jan. 23	Feb. 16

Each steamer carries a duly qualified surgeon.
These steamers are fitted with electric light, and with a refrigerating chamber for ship's provisions, ensuring a plentiful supply of ice throughout the voyage.
Passengers are booked to San Francisco or through to European destinations, and have at San Francisco choice of the unrivalled Atlantic Steamship Lines of the Cunard, Inman, White Star, and other Companies.
All first-class passengers are allowed 350lb. of baggage to San Francisco, and 250lb. "Overland," free of charge.

THROUGH FARE TO LIVERPOOL.
FIRST-CLASS ... £63 to £66.

Time cards, railway maps, and guide-books, showing all routes to any point in the United States, may be had on application.
For rates of passage and freight, and all other information, apply to
FREDK. W. JACKSON, Manager, Margaret-street.

R.M.S. ALAMEDA, for SAN FRANCISCO, via AUCKLAND and HONOLULU.

NOTICE TO PASSENGERS.

R.M.S. ALAMEDA will Sail from Neutral Bay at 4 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, December 26. The steamer ADMIRAL will leave No. 2 Jetty, Circular Quay, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on day of sailing, to convey passengers and their luggage to the ship.
FREDK. W. JACKSON, Agent.

UNION STEAM SHIP COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND, Limited.

WEEKLY COMMUNICATION TO ALL NEW ZEALAND PORTS.

FROM SYDNEY:
RINGAROOMA, 1096 tons, THURSDAY, December 27, for Auckland, Gisborne, Napier, Wellington, Lyttelton, Port Chalmers, Bluff, and Melbourne. Passengers and cargo for Russell are transhipped at Auckland.
WAKATIPU, 1797 tons, about SATURDAY, December 29, for Wellington, Lyttelton, and Dunedin.
MARAROA, 2466 tons, THURSDAY, January 3, via Auckland.

FROM MELBOURNE:
WAIRARAPA, 1786 tons, WEDNESDAY, December 26, at 2 p.m., via Hobart and Bluff.

EXCURSION SEASON, 1888-9.
During the months of NOVEMBER and DECEMBER, 1888, and JANUARY, FEBRUARY, and MARCH, 1889, RETURN TICKETS will be ISSUED at the following REDUCED RATES, available for RETURN for THREE MONTHS from date of issue:—
ROUND TICKETS, via Auckland and Bluff to Melbourne, or vice versa ... £17
Ditto, Wellington, ditto, ditto ... £15

EXCURSION TO WEST COAST SOUNDS.
TWELFTH SEASON.
The S.S. TARAWERA will make two EXCURSIONS to the WEST COAST SOUNDS of the MIDDLE ISLAND, the first leaving Port Chalmers on WEDNESDAY, January 16, 1889, and the second on SATURDAY, January 26. Each trip will occupy 10 days from Port Chalmers, during which the most attractive of the Sounds will be visited, and special facilities will be given for fishing, shooting and sketching, and for exploring these wonderful fiords, where nature is seen in her grandest aspects. Opportunity will also be given for visiting the Sutherland Falls, Milford Sound, the largest in the world. The social enjoyment of passengers is made a special feature of these excursions, the whole trip taking the form of an extended picnic. In order to prevent overcrowding only a limited number of passengers will be taken. The Tarawera will call at Bluff both ways en route, and may make a third trip to the Sounds leaving Port Chalmers on TUESDAY, February 5. Fare, £12 from Port Chalmers.
FREDK. W. JACKSON, Manager.

DIRECT SERVICE TO ENGLAND.
PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

The Company's Royal Mail Steamships (under contract with the Imperial, New South Wales, Victorian, and South Australian Governments) will be despatched from their Wharf, Circular Quay, as under, for LONDON, calling at Melbourne, Adelaide, Albany, Colombo, Aden, Brindisi, Malta, Gibraltar, and Plymouth:—

Steamer.	Tons.	Commander.	Leave Sydney 1 p.m.	Leave Melbourne.	Leave Adelaide.
Massilia	4918	S. D. Shallard	Jan. 5	Jan. 11	Jan. 14
Oceana	6362	P. S. Tomlin	Jan. 19	Jan. 25	Jan. 28
Carthage	5013	E. G. Stead	Feb. 2	Feb. 8	Feb. 11
Rome	5011	A. W. Adamson	Feb. 16	Feb. 22	Feb. 25
Arcadia	6362	W. B. Andrews	March 2	Mar. 8	Mar. 11
Valetta	4919	J. Orman	March 16	Mar. 22	Mar. 25
Britannia	6257	G. N. Hector	March 30	April 5	April 8
Ballaarat	4764	E. Ashdown	April 13	April 19	April 22

and thenceforth every alternate week.
RESERVED CABINS ON MODERATE TERMS.
SALOON PASSENGERS MAY BREAK THE JOURNEY.
The arrangements for SECOND SALOON PASSENGERS having been thoroughly reorganised, the accommodation now offered is unsurpassed.
Passage-money can be paid here for passages from England. Liberal concessions made to families.
Passengers, cargo, and parcels are booked through to India, China, and Japan.
For all information apply at the Company's Offices, 247, George-street.
J. WEIR, Agent.

R.M.S. MASSILIA.
ENGLAND BY P. AND O. ROYAL MAIL STEAMER MASSILIA.

The Company's fine steamer Massilia, 4918 tons, will leave Sydney on SATURDAY, 5th January, 1889, for Plymouth and London via Brindisi, Colombo, Malta, and Gibraltar. She is fitted with all the latest improvements, and has unsurpassed accommodation for First and Second Saloon Passengers.

FARES FROM £30 TO £70.
RETURN TICKETS, £54 to £115.
Apply as above.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL.
Passengers are carried according to the requirements of the English Passenger Act of 1855 and 1863.

MONTHLY LINE OF DIRECT STEAMERS from SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, and ADELAIDE, to SOUTHAMPTON, ANTWERP, and BREMEN, via COLOMBO, Aden, Suez, and Genoa, taking passengers for London. Connecting from PORT SAID by DIRECT MAIL and PASSENGER LINE to BRINDISI, will be despatched as follows (if practicable):—

Steamer.	Commander.	Leave Sydney, noon.	Leave Melbourne.	Leave Adelaide, Semaphore.
		1889	1889	1889
Salier	C. Thalenhorst	Jan. 4	Jan. 7	Jan. 9
Hohenzollern	A. Meier	Feb. 1	Feb. 4	Feb. 6
Hohenstaufen	F. Kessler	Mar. 1	Mar. 4	Mar. 6

And thereafter every four weeks.
Passage from Sydney to Southampton and Antwerp, £14 to £65, to Bremen, £14 to £67 10s.
Special Return Tickets to Europe.
Reduced Passage Rates to Colombo, China, and Japan.
Through Tickets in the First and Second Classes at reduced rates to the principal cities of Germany, via Brindisi or Genoa.
Passengers and cargo booked through to New York, via Southampton.
Passages from United Kingdom and Europe can be paid here.
For FREIGHT, PASSAGE, and all further particulars apply to
FINCK and BETZ, Limited, Agents, 6, O'Connell-street.

STEAM TO TONGA and SAMOA.
The Regular Monthly Steamer of the Norddeutscher Lloyd S.S. LUBECK, Captain W. Schmilder, will be despatched from the Company's Wharf, Circular Quay, on THURSDAY, 27th DECEMBER, at 7 a.m. (if practicable), taking Cargo and Passengers.
FINCK and BETZ, Limited, Agents, 6, O'Connell-street.

FOR ANTWERP and LONDON.
The magnificent steamship DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, D. C. Long, commander, will meet with quick despatch.
This vessel has superior Accommodation for a few Saloon Passengers. Inspection invited.
For freight or passage apply to
ALFRED LAMB and CO. / GILCHRIST, WATT, and CO. } Agents.
Wool received at Central Stores.

ORIENT LINE of ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.
The following Royal Mail Steamships belonging to the ORIENT and PACIFIC COMPANIES will leave Sydney at 1 p.m. on the undermentioned dates for PLYMOUTH and LONDON, via Melbourne, Adelaide, Albany, and the Suez Canal, calling at Naples and Gibraltar:—

*ORIENT	5386 tons	J. K. Ridler	December 29
LUSITANIA	3845 "	A. Tillett	Jan. 12, 1889
OROYA	6184 "	R. Studdert	Jan. 26
ORIZABA	6184 "	G. N. Conlan	Feb. 9
LIGURIA	4688 "	G. F. Dixon	Feb. 23
AUSTRAL	5588 "	J. F. Ruthven	March 9

And fortnightly thereafter.
*Calling at Colombo.
SALOON PASSENGERS allowed to break their journey.
ENTIRE CABINS reserved on most liberal terms.
PASSAGE MONEY—Saloon, £55, £66, and £70
Second, £30 and £37
Third and Steerage, £16.
EXCURSION RETURN TICKETS AT REDUCED RATES.
REDUCTION OF THIRD-CLASS AND STEERAGE FARES FROM LONDON.—Facilities are now afforded for bringing out friends and relatives by the prepayment of passage Money here at the following reduced rates, steamer providing bedding:—
Open berths ... 17 guineas each adult
Four-berth cabin ... 20 pounds each adult
Two-berth cabin ... 22 pounds each adult.

MANAGERS: F. GREEN and CO., and ANDERSON, ANDERSON, and CO., Fenchurch-avenue, London, E.C.
Full particulars on application to
G. S. YUILL, General Manager in Australia.
30, Pitt-street.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
SYDNEY to LONDON, overland via MARSEILLES.
Steamers under postal contract with the Government of France, calling at MELBOURNE, ADELAIDE, KING GEORGE'S SOUND, MAHE, SUEZ, and PORT SAID.
Passengers booked to KURRACHEE, BOMBAY, MAURITIUS, and EAST COAST of AFRICA.
The service is carried on by powerful steamers of 4000 tons and 5000 effective h.p., built expressly for the Australian and New Caledonian line, which will be despatched as follows:—

Steamer.	Commander.	Leave Sydney at 11 a.m.	Leave Melbourne, 4 p.m.
OCEANIEN	Didier	December 25 1889	December 28 1889
SYDNEY	Pellegrin	January 25	January 28
SALAZIE	Boviard	February 25	February 28

And thenceforth on the 25th of each month.

Rates of passage money to Marseilles from £20 to £65, including table wines and Suez Canal dues on passengers.
RETURN TICKETS issued at the following rates:—

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.
Available 9 months	£105	£64	£34
Available 12 months	£115	£68	£36

By special arrangement with Messrs. Cook, of London, through passengers for London will be met at Marseilles by English interpreters, who will accompany them to Paris and London.
N.B.—Passengers' luggage conveyed free of cost from Marseilles to London.
For freight, passage, and further particulars, apply at the Company's Office, 15, Macquarie-place.
A. CONIL, Principal Agent.

BURNS, PHILP, and CO., Limited, having numerous Shipping Agencies and connections, are prepared to book Passengers and Cargo to all parts of EUROPE, INDIA, CHINA, and AMERICA (via Europe); also COASTWISE, NORTH and SOUTH, and throughout the EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO, FIJI, NEW CALEDONIA, NEW GUINEA, JAVA, PHILLIPINE ISLANDS, &c., &c.
Intending passengers for any of the places indicated should before booking consult with Messrs. Burns, Philp, and Co.'s Oversea Shipping Manager (Mr. M'Master), who will be glad to explain connections of routes and all particulars; or with Mr. Forsyth (A. U. S. N. Co.'s manager) for coastwise travelling.
BURNS, PHILP, and CO., Limited,
Agents for the Australian United Steam Navigation Co., Limited
The British-India Co.'s Line, via Torres Straits, to Europe
The Calcutta Line of B. I. boats to India.
The Gibb Line of China steamers
The Mogul Line of steamers to England
The German N. G. steamers,
and other agencies of steamers, sailers, &c.
Branches of the firm throughout North Queensland.
BURNS, PHILP, and CO., Limited, 10, Bridge-street.

AUSTRALASIAN UNITED STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, Limited.
SPECIAL REDUCTION IN PASSENGER RATES AND FREIGHTS TO ALL QUEENSLAND PORTS.
Under contract with the Government of Queensland for the conveyance of mails. These well-known high-class Passenger Steamers will be despatched as follows from A. U. S. N. Company's Wharf, Sussex and Margaret streets:—

MELBOURNE Wharf direct	Quiraing	Friday, 5 p.m., Dec. 28
	Maranoa	Wednesday, 10 a.m., Jan. 2
BRISBANE	Katoomba	To-morrow, 10 a.m., Dec. 27
Ditto	Fitzroy	Friday, 5 p.m., Dec. 28
Ditto	Bulimba	Saturday, 1 p.m., Dec. 29
Ditto	Cintra	Wednesday, 10 a.m., Jan. 2
Ditto	Eurimbla	Wednesday, 5 p.m., Jan. 2
Ditto	Ranelagh	Friday, 5 p.m., Jan. 4
Ditto	Victoria	Saturday, 1 p.m., Jan. 5
MARYBOROUGH, Tuesday's and Sat'day's steamers change at Brisbane	Fitzroy	Friday, 5 p.m., Dec. 28
	Bulimba	Saturday 1 p.m., Dec. 29
	Cintra	Wednesday, 10 a.m., Jan. 2
BUNDABERG, GLADSTONE	Katoomba	To-morrow, 10 a.m., Dec. 27
	Eurimbla	Wednesday, 5 p.m., Jan. 2
	Katoomba	To-morrow, 10 a.m., Dec. 27
ROCKHAMPTON, Tuesday's and Sat'day's steamers change at Keppel Bay	Fitzroy	Friday, 5 p.m., Dec 28
	Bulimba	Saturday, 1 p.m., Dec. 29
	Cintra	Wednesday, 10 a.m., Jan. 2
	Eurimbla	Wednesday, 5 p.m., Jan. 2
	Ranelagh	Friday, 5 p.m., Jan. 4
BOWEN, PORT MACKAY (Flat Top)	Bulimba	Saturday, 1 p.m., Dec. 29
TOWNSVILLE, CAIRNS, PORT DOUGLAS and COOKTOWN, Wednesday's steamers change at Brisbane	Katoomba	To-morrow, 10 a.m., Dec. 27
	Bulimba	Saturday, 1 p.m., Dec. 29
	Cintra	Wednesday, 10 a.m., Jan. 2
	Eurimbla	Wednesday, 5 p.m., Jan. 2
	Victoria	Saturday, 1 p.m., Jan. 5
DUNGENESS, CARDWELL, MOURILYAN, JOHNSTONE R'VR (change at Cleveland Bay)	Bulimba	Saturday, 1 p.m., Dec. 29
THURSDAY I'LD, NORMANTON (nearest port to the Croydon Goldfields)	Bulimba	Saturday, 1 p.m., Dec. 29
BURKETOWN, NOUMEA, SUVA, FIJI, LEVUKA, FIJI	Tenterden	Wednesday, 5 p.m., Jan. 2
ANEITYM and H'V'NNAH H'BR	Gunga	Wednesday, 5 p.m., Jan. 16
ADELAIDE	By early steamer	

Fore-cabin passengers are provided with food and bedding.
Return saloon tickets are available for six months.
Passengers' tickets issued by ship's officers charged 5s extra.
SPECIAL REDUCED RATES TO QUEENSLAND PORTS.
BURNS, PHILP, and CO., Limited, Agents, 10, Bridge-street.

THE ADELAIDE STEAMSHIP CO.
MELBOURNE, ADELAIDE, PORT PIRIE, AND ALL SOUTH AND WEST AUSTRALIAN PORTS.
THIS COMPANY offers to intending passengers and shippers the quickest and most comfortable means of reaching Melbourne and Adelaide.
THE EXPRESS STEAMERS of this Company leave Sydney every SATURDAY, as under:—
From the Company's Wharf, Lime-street, off Erskine-street.
S.S. VICTORIAN ... SATURDAY, Dec. 29 | noon (sharp)
S.S. ADELAIDE ... SATURDAY, Jan. 5 ... | 1 p.m.
These steamers have splendid saloon accommodation, make the PASSAGE to MELBOURNE in 12 HOURS less than any OTHER STEAMERS on the coast, and deliver cargo at Port Adelaide in 48 hours' less than any other steamer running to South Australia.
Passengers can be booked at the wharf.
No cargo will be received after 11 a.m. on Saturday.
STEAM TO WESTERN AND NORTHERN AUSTRALIA, Albany, Vasse, Bunbury, Fremantle (Perth), Derby, and all Western ports by an early steamer.
GOODS FOR SILVERTON AND BROKEN HILL, QUICKEST AND CHEAPEST ROUTE.
GOODS can be booked by these steamers through to Port Pirie, and forwarded thence by rail by the Company's Agents, if so instructed, or by shipper's own agents.
Goods shipped by Saturday's steamer reach Port Pirie the following Tuesday week, and are then within one day's rail journey of Silverton and Broken Hill. This route saves 80 miles of rail journey, and avoids break of gauge.
For further information apply to
G. S. YUILL, Agent, 39, Pitt-street.

HUDDART, PARKER, AND CO.'S LINE. STEAM TO MELBOURNE.
ELINGAMITE ... SATURDAY, December 29 ... at 12 noon
BURRUMBEET ... SATURDAY, January 5 ... at 12 noon
The powerful steel Steamship ELINGAMITE, 4000 tons, PERCY W. BULL, Commander, leaves HUDDART PARKER'S WHARF, foot of Margaret-street, on SATURDAY, December 29, at 12 noon, for MELBOURNE DIRECT.
FARES: Saloon, single, £2 5s; Saloon, return, £3 15s; Fore cabin, single, £1 5s.
RETURN AVAILABLE FOR SIX MONTHS.
The ELINGAMITE, the LARGEST and FINEST Steamship in the Australian coast trade, is constructed of steel throughout in 8 water-tight compartments, and is commissioned as an armed cruiser in time of war.
The Saloon is of beautiful design, full width of the ship. She has an excellent music room, and her cabins are large and very comfortable. The electric light is installed throughout. The Fore Cabin is on main deck. Inspection invited.
Fore Cabin passengers found in food, beds, and rugs.
HUDDART, PARKER, and CO.
Offices and Wharf—Foot of Margaret-street.

STEAM TO SHOALHAVEN AND BERRY. From Huddart Parker's Wharf.
THURSDAY, December 27 | MEEINDERRY | at 9 p.m.
FRIDAY, December 28 | COOMONDERRY | at 9 p.m.
MONDAY, December 31 | MEEINDERRY | at 9p.m.
Taking cargo for all Shoalhaven ports on Mondays and Fridays, and Berry only on Thursdays.
No cargo received after 5 p.m. on day of sailing.
HUDDART, PARKER, and CO.
Office and Wharf—Foot of Margaret-street.

STEAM TO ANTWERP AND LONDON, VIA THE SUEZ CANAL.
The magnificent Steamship GHAZEE, 2712 tons gross register, A. SCOTLAND, Commander, will have quick dispatch.
THIS FAST WELL-KNOWN STEAMER OFFERS SHIPPERS an OPPORTUNITY of SPEEDY DELIVERY of THEIR WOOL.
For freight or passage apply to DALGETY and COMPANY, Limited.

STEAM TO CAMBRIDGE GULF AND MACARTHUR RIVER.
The steamers of the E. and A. S. S. Company will in future carry cargo for transhipment at Port Darwin through to the above places.
There is regular communication by steamer from Port Darwin. Full information of dates of departure, together with rates of freight, can be obtained from
GIBBS, BRIGHT, and CO., 37, Pitt-street.

WM. HOWARD SMITH and SONS' (Limited) Line of Magnificent Fast Steel Steamships.
For MELBOURNE (also see separate advertisement).
FRIDAY, Dec. 28, 5 p.m. | LEURA | F. Stanford
SATURDAY, Dec. 29, 12 noon | BUNINYONG | J. D. Joy
MONDAY, Dec. 31, 4 p.m. | KONOOWARRA | G. Smith
FRIDAY, Jan. 4, 5 p.m. | BARRABOOL | Richardson
For ADELAIDE, via Melbourne.
FRIDAY, Dec. 28, 5 p.m. | LEURA | F. Stanford
FRIDAY, Jan. 4, 5 p.m. | BARRABOOL | Richardson
The steamers of this service are the largest engaged in the Adelaide trade.
Passengers by through steamers for Adelaide are maintained on board while in Melbourne.
FOR BRISBANE, MARYBOROUGH, ROCKHAMPTON (without transhipment, also see separate advertisement)
THIS DAY, Dec. 26, 12 noon | BURWAH | W. Ellis
FRIDAY, Dec. 28, 5 p.m. | GABO | J. Pain
WEDNESDAY, Jan. 2, 4 p.m. | RODONDO | Seymour
FOR MACKAY, TOWNSVILLE, Cairns, Bundaberg, Dungeness, Cardwell, Mourilyan Harbour, Geraldton, Russell River, Plantation Creek (also see separate advertisement).
THIS DAY, Dec. 26, 12 noon | BURWAH | W. Ellis
FRIDAY, Dec. 28, 5 p.m. | GABO | J. Pain
WEDNESDAY, Jan. 2, 4 p.m. | RODONDO | Seymour
All passengers' tickets issued on board steamers by ships' officers will be charged 5s in excess of the ordinary rate.
RETURN TICKETS are available for SIX months.
Special arrangements for large lines of freight.
WM. HOWARD SMITH and SONS, Ltd.
Wharves—Foot of King-st. Offices—79, York-street.

MELBOURNE EXHIBITION.
EXCURSION STEAMERS FROM SYDNEY.
SALOON, RETURN, £3 15s, AVAILABLE SIX MONTHS.
Next Steamers:
FRIDAY, Dec. 28, 5 p.m.—S.S. LEURA.
SATURDAY, Dec. 29, 12 noon—S.S. BUNINYONG.
MONDAY, Dec. 31, 4 p.m.—S.S. KONOOWARRA.
Steamers return from Melbourne every TUESDAY, FRIDAY, and SATURDAY.
WM. HOWARD SMITH and SONS, Limited.
Offices—79, York-street. Wharves—Foot of King-street.

STEAM TO MELBOURNE.
The splendid new S.S. BUNINYONG, 3000 tons, J. D. JOY, Commander, will leave SATURDAY, December 29th, at 12 noon.
Attention is directed to the SUPERIOR Passenger Accommodation of the BUNINYONG, which is one of the largest steamships at present owned in Australia. The State Rooms are exceptionally LARGE, and contain only TWO Berths each. The Saloon goes RIGHT ACROSS the BUNINYONG, which is fitted up with ALL THE LUXURIES of the Ocean-going MAIL STEAMSHIPS.
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Wharves—Foot of King-street. Offices—79, York-street.

STEAM TO BRISBANE, MARYBOROUGH, AND ROCKHAMPTON.
DIRECT WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT.
The fast and favourite steamship BURWAH (Ellis) will leave THIS DAY, December 26, at 12 noon, for the above-named ports, landing passengers and cargo at town wharves.
The BURWAH has been built expressly for the QUEENSLAND PASSENGER TRAFFIC.
The SALOON has been furnished and decorated in the latest style by the ART FURNISHING COMPANY of London. Comfortable LADIES' BOUDOIR, and several STATE ROOMS for ladies on the deck.
The STATE ROOMS contain only two berths each.
SECOND-CLASS accommodation is of a superior character.
WM. HOWARD SMITH and SONS, Limited.
Wharves—Foot of King-street. Offices—79, York-street.

STEAM TO BRISBANE, MACKAY, and TOWNSVILLE, WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT.
The undersigned despatch a steamer EVERY FRIDAY DIRECT to MACKAY and TOWNSVILLE (via Brisbane).
NO TRANSHIPMENT.—Attention of passengers and shippers is called to this QUICK SERVICE.
WM. HOWARD SMITH and SONS, Limited.

EXCURSION TO TASMANIA.
THE SANATORIUM OF THE AUSTRALIAN COLONIES.
Lovely Scenery and Healthful Atmosphere.
TASMANIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.
Regular Steam Communication to Tasmanian Ports.
FROM SYDNEY:
From Tasmanian Wharf, Sussex-street, near Margaret-street.
For HOBART via EDEN, the MAGNIFICENT new passenger STEAMSHIP OONAH, 1700 tons, THURSDAY, 27th December, and TUESDAY, 8th, and MONDAY, 21st January, at noon.
For LAUNCESTON DIRECT, S.S. CORINNA, 1280 tons, THURSDAY, 27th December, and 10th and 24th January, at 10 a.m.
FROM MELBOURNE:
For LAUNCESTON—FLINDERS, 31st December, and 4th, 9th, 14th January.
PATEENA, 27th Dec., and 2nd, 7th, and 11th January.
For HOBART, FLORA, WEDNESDAY 2nd, Saturday 12th, and Tuesday 22nd January, at noon.
RETURN TICKETS issued on all lines available for six months.
SUMMER EXCURSION TICKETS issued available for three months on and after 1st October.
No cargo received within an hour of sailing. Time Tables published every month.
For full particulars apply to
T. and W. WILLIS, Agents, 5, Pitt-street.

SUMMER EXCURSION, EDEN LINE.
The TASMANIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY will issue RETURN TICKETS at Single Fares between EDEN and SYDNEY, available from December 13, 1888, to January 15, 1889.
T. and W. WILLIS, Agent.

ILLAWARRA S. N. COMPANY.
WOLLONGONG—Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 11 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.; Wednesday, Saturday, noon (pass. only).
KIAMA—Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 11 p.m.
SHOALHAVEN—Tuesday, Friday, 11 p.m.
ULLADULLA—Wednesday, noon, cargo 11 a.m.; Friday 10 a.m., cargo 8 a.m.
CLYDE, BATEMAN'S BAY—Friday, 10 a.m.
MORUYA—Friday, 10 a.m.
MERIMBULA—Wednesday, Saturday, noon.
TATHRA (for BEGA)—Wednesday, Saturday, noon.
EDEN—Wednesday, Saturday, noon; cargo 11 a.m.
BERMAGUI—Wednesday, Saturday, noon; cargo, 11 a.m.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS BY I. S. N. CO.'S STEAMERS.
Shippers are respectfully informed that, in consequence of great delay to passengers, NO CARGO will be received within ONE hour of sailing.

ILLAWARRA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.
REDUCTION IN FARES.
After this date the FARES for passengers by the I. S. N. Company's Steamers running between Sydney and Shoalhaven will be as follows:—
TO AND FROM WOLLONGONG:
Saloon, 5s; return, 7s 6d. Steerage, 2s 6d.
TO AND FROM KIAMA:
Saloon, 7s 6d; return, 11s. Steerage, 4s.
Meals provided at moderate rates.
TO AND FROM SHOALHAVEN:
Saloon, 15s; return, 22s 6d. Steerage, 10s.
Meals and sleeping berths provided free of charge.
I. S. N. Company's Offices, October 3, 1888.

ILLAWARRA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.
CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR EXCURSIONS.
SALOON TICKETS at a Single Fare for the Double Journey will be issued by this company, available between Sydney and the undermentioned ports, viz.:—
SHOALHAVEN, from Friday, December 21, to Tuesday, 22nd January.
ULLADULLA, CLYDE, BATEMAN'S BAY, and MORUYA, from Monday, 17th December, to Monday, 21st January.
MERIMBULA, TATHRA, EDEN, and BERMAGUI, from Wednesday, 19th December, to Saturday, 19th January.
Passengers are victualled free of charge.
WOLLONGONG and KIAMA, from Friday, 21st December, to Monday, 7th January.
Meals provided at moderate rates.

JOHN SEE and CO.'S LINE OF STEAMERS leave Market Wharf, Market-street, for—
MANNING RIVER, S.S. ROSEDALE, FRIDAY NEXT.
PORT MACQUARIE, S.S. WELLINGTON, THURSDAY NEXT.
BELLINGER RIVER, S.S. WELLINGTON, THURSDAY NEXT.
NAMBUCCA RIVER, S.S. FERNMOUNT, THIS NIGHT, at 9.
Cargo received daily up to within an hour of sailing.

GRAFTON, CLARENCE RIVER.
From Market Wharf, foot of Market-street,
S.S. AUSTRALIAN, THIS NIGHT, at 9.
S.S. HELEN NICOLL, SATURDAY NIGHT, at 9.
The saloons of these steamers are amidships, and afford superior accommodation for passengers. Passengers landed at Harwood and Lawrence. Goods are conveyed for Glen Innes, Fairfield, Emmaville, Inverell, and Tenterfield, and free of agency or wharfage fees.
JOHN SEE and CO., 129, Sussex-street.

GRAFTON, CLARENCE RIVER.
S.S. CITY OF GRAFTON, SATURDAY NIGHT, at 9.
S.S. ELECTRA, TUESDAY NIGHT, at 9.
Superior accommodation. Inspection invited.
Goods for Glen Innes, Fairfield, and Tenterfield forwarded free of agency charges without any delay.
Richmond River passengers landed at Lawrence and Harwood.
RICHARD COOKE, Secretary.
C., R., and M. R. S. N. Company, Limited, Clarence Wharf, 3, Sussex-street North.

RICHMOND RIVER.
STEAMER EARLY.
Goods for Fairfield may be shipped via Casino.
RICHARD COOKE, Secretary.
C., R., and M. R. S. N. Company, Limited.

MACLEAY RIVER.
S.S. WOODBURN, THIS MORNING, at 8.
RICHARD COOKE, Secretary.
C., R., and M. R. S. N. Company, Limited, Clarence Wharf, 3, Sussex-street North.

RICHMOND RIVER.
S.S. BELLINGER. FRIDAY, at 7 p.m.
Splendid Passenger Accommodation.
B. B. NICOLL, Victoria Wharf.

FAIRFIELD GOLDFIELDS.
S.S. BELLINGER, FRIDAY, at 7 p.m.
Cargo booked via Casino for Drake, Red Rock, White Rock, Tabulam, &c.
B. B. NICOLL, Victoria Wharf.

STEAM TO CAPE HAWKE.
S.S. EMMA PYERS, FRIDAY, at 10 a.m.
Passengers and cargo now booked.
B. B. NICOLL, Victoria Wharf.

NEWCASTLE STEAMSHIP COMPANY, Limited.
Steamers from Lime-street, foot of Erskine-street, to NEWCASTLE, MORPETH, and RAYMOND TERRACE.
THIS NIGHT, at 11.30, the SYDNEY.
TO-MORROW NIGHT, at 11.30, the NEWCASTLE.
For particulars apply at Offices, York-street, next Opera House, and Lime-street.
H. D. PORTUS, Manager.

NEWCASTLE, MORPETH, and RAYMOND TERRACE.—Hunter River New S. N. Co.'s Steamers.
From Wharf foot of Market-street.
THIS NIGHT, Wednesday, at 11.30, the NAMOL.
TO-MORROW NIGHT, Thursday, at 11.30, the MAITLAND.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES, SHIPPERS, AND PASSENGERS.
This Day (Boxing Day) perishable goods and live-stock will be received and delivered.
Our offices will close at 11 a.m., and re-open at 8 p.m., for the issue of passenger tickets.
Offices, 353, George-street, and 147, Sussex-street.
F. J. THOMAS, Manager.

GOSFORD AND BRISBANE WATER.
S.S. GOSFORD DAILY.
From King-street Wharf 8.30 a.m.; No. 4 Jetty, 9 a.m.
From Gosford, 2 p.m. Fares—4s single, 6s return.
SUNDAY EXCURSIONS from King-st. Wharf, 9 a.m., via Darling-st.; No. 4 Jetty, 10 a.m. Return, 5s, available day of issue.
Goods received at King-street ONLY. Freights payable in Sydney.
GOOD FISHING. Special arrangements for camping parties.

TO THE HAWKESBURY RIVER.
The fast and favourite S.S. CHARLOTTE FENWICK leaves Patent Slip Wharf, Lime-st., off Erskine-street, for ALL PARTS of the RIVER every MONDAY and WEDNESDAY, at 8 a.m.
Cargo received at Patent Slip Wharf daily. Passengers and cargo at moderate rates. Refreshments on board.
SUNDAY EXCURSIONS.
S.S. CHARLOTTE FENWICK leaves Patent Slip Wharf at 9 a.m.; Darling-street Wharf, Balmain, 9.10 a.m.; and No. 4 Jetty, 9.30 a.m. Excursion fares, 5s return.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.
The CHARLOTTE FENWICK leaves Patent Slip Wharf at 8.30 a.m. No. 4 Jetty 9 a.m. on SUNDAY, MONDAY, and WEDNESDAY, stopping at Wiseman's Ferry, and returning the same day. Refreshment of all descriptions on board.
Excursion Fares, 5s return.

HAWKESBURY RIVER and BROKEN BAY S. N. CO., Limited.
S.S. MARRAMARRA daily, at 10.30, for PEAT'S FERRY and BAR POINT. Cargo received at Patent Slip Wharf.
Camping Parties can get to or from Sydney daily by these steamers.

PARRAMATTA STEAMERS AND TRAMWAY.
BOXING DAY.
CHEAP and ENJOYABLE HOLIDAY EXCURSIONS.
THE FASTEST STEAMERS IN THE HARBOUR.
FROM KING-STREET WHARF.
To PARRAMATTA, calling at CORREY'S GARDENS, PUTNEY, MORTLAKE, RYDE, DUNDAS, ERMINGTON, NEWINGTON, and ALL STATIONS to PARRAMATTA PARK. Passengers landed at Park gates: 6, 9, 10, and 10*, 11, 12, 1.15, 2, and 2*, 3, 5.15. To Ryde, 7, 11.15.
To CORREY'S GARDENS, SPECIAL DIRECT STEAMERS: 10.30, 11.30, 12.30. Steamer, with band, at 10. Ordinary steamers, 9, 10, 11, 12, 1.15, &c.
To FIVE DOCK, CROYDON, and BURWOOD: 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 1.15, 4.15, 6.15, 9.30 p.m., by branch boat from Gladesville.
To GLADESVILLE and CHISWICK: 6, 7.45, 9, 10, and 10*, 11, 12 a.m.; 1.15, 2*, and 2, 3, 4.15, 5.15, 6.15, 7, 11.15 p.m.
To HUNTER'S HILL, VILLA MARIA, DRUMMOYNE PARK, COCKATOO, &c.: 6, 7, 7.45, 9, 10, and 10*, 11, 12, 1.15, 2*, and 2, 3, 4.15, 5.15, 6.15, 7, 8, 9.30, 11.15.
FERN BAY PICNIC GROUNDS: Every half-hour from No. 4 Jetty.
RETURNING—
From PARRAMATTA PARK: 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7.
From RYDE: 7.40, 8.40, 9.40, 11.40, 12.40, 1.40, 2.40, 3.40, 4.40, 5.40, 7.40.
From CORREY'S GARDENS every hour; specials about 5.30.
From FIVE DOCK: 7.40, 8.10, 9.35, 11.35, 12.35, 1.35, 2.10, 5.35, 6.35.
From GLADESVILLE: 6, 8.20, 9, 10, 11, 12, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.
From HUNTER'S HILL, and DRUMMOYNE PARK: 6.15, 7, 8.15, 8.45, 9.15, 10.15, 11.15 a.m.; 12.15, 1.15, 2.15, 3.15, 4.15, 5.15, 6.15, 7.15, 8.45, 10.15.
From VILLA MARIA: 10 minutes before Hunter's Hill.
From COCKATOO: 10 minutes after Hunter's Hill.
* These trips are to and from No. 4 Jetty; all others to and from King-street.
FARES:
PARRAMATTA.—1st Class: Single, 1s 6d; return, 2s. 2nd Class: Single, 1s; return, 1s 6d.
HUNTER'S HILL, COCKATOO, &c.—1st Class: Single, 9d; return, 1s. 2nd Class: Single, 6d; return, 9d.
CORREY'S GARDENS.—1s return.
FERN BAY.—2s return, including pavilion.
Excursionists will find grassy spots, with shade and water free, at the following wharfs:—Correy's Cabarita 40-acre Free Reserve, Gladesville, Mortlake, Putney, Burwood, Ryde, and at the steamers' reserve, Parramatta.
N.B.—The beautiful new pavilions at Parramatta Park are open free to the public; and the many improvements all along the River, from the magnificent docks and works at Woolwich and Cockatoo to the splendid ROSEHILL Racecourse, at which the tramcars stop to put down and take up passengers, render the trip the most enjoyable in the harbour.
A steamer will also leave No. 4 Jetty to join the Parramatta steamers at Long Nose as under:—10 a.m., 2 p.m.

HUNTER'S HILL and LANE COVE RIVER STEAMERS LEAVE—
LIME-STREET, foot of Erskine-street, at 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, *12, 1.15, 2.15, 3.15, 4.15, 5.15, 6.15, 7.15, 9.15, 11.15; Saturday's extra, 8.15, 10.15.
FIG TREE, HUNTER'S HILL, 7, 8, 8.50, 10, 11, 12, 1.15, 2.15, 3.15, 4.15, 5.15, 6.15, 7.15, 8.15, 10.15; Saturday's extra, 9.15, 11.15.
SUNDAYS.—LIME-STREET, 9, 10, 11, 12, 1.15, 2.15, 3.15, 4.15, 5.15, 6.15, 7.15, 9.10.
FIG TREE, 9, 10, 11, 12, 1, 2.15, 3.15, 4.15, 5.15, 6.15, 7.15, 8.30.
Calling each way at GREENWICH, WOOLWICH, ATLAS WORKS, NORTHWOOD, LONGUEVILLE, SUNNYSIDE, ALEXANDRA-ST., RIVERVIEW, and DRUMMOYNE-STREET.
FARES:
Greenwich and Woolwich—Single, 6d; return, 9d.
Other Wharfs—Single, 9d; return, 1s; children, 6d.
Available at all hours and till next day of issue. Saturday's ticket available to Monday following. Subscribers: Ladies, 7s 6d per month; Gentlemen, 15s. Families as per arrangement, available at all hours.
A cargo boat leaves Lime-street wharf daily at 1 p.m., landing cargo at all convenient places.
* On Saturdays, 12.15.

MANLY BEACH. MANLY BEACH.
6d from No. 2 JETTY.
6d BOXING DAY. 6d
Steamers ADMIRAL, DESPATCH, and GRAND (as far as practicable) leave 7.15, 9, 10.15, 10.45, 11.15, 11.45, 12.30, 1, 1.30, 2.30, 3, 3.30, 4.15, 4.30. Last trip from Manly, 5.30.
Return Fare, 6d. Children half-price.
Passengers are landed within a few minutes' walk of the beautiful Fairy Bower and Swimming Baths. Patronise this new service, who have been instrumental in suppressing the charges of a well-established monopoly, and cheap fares will be afforded excursionists.
No overcrowding.
Note, NO. 2 JETTY.
On and after December 31, 1888, the Return Fares (Sundays only), 8d.
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THE WATSON'S BAY and S. S. S. FERRY CO., Limited.
No. 3 JETTY, CIRCULAR QUAY.
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.
STEAM TO WATSON'S BAY.
EXCURSION FARES, 6d return.
STEAM TO ROSE BAY, calling at Intermediate Wharves.
6d Return.
WM. LESLIE, Manager.

TRIPS ROUND THE HARBOUR AND HEAD OF MIDDLE HARBOUR.
THIS DAY, BOXING DAY.
Steamers LEVERET and INFLEXIBLE leave No. 2 Jetty, Circular Quay, at 2.30 p.m. and 3 p.m. respectively.
Fare, 1s.

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The Bulli Company's Hulk GOLDEN SOUTH, having capacity for 1500 tons,
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Offices, 17, Bridge-street.

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The Magnificent 100 A1 Aberdeen Clipper Ship TORRIDON, 1502 Tons Register, WM. SHEPHERD, Master.
This vessel will be DOCKED before sailing, and having the greater portion of her cargo engaged will be despatched in DECEMBER. Has VERY SUPERIOR ACCOMMODATION for a few SALOON PASSENGERS at reduced rates.
For freight or passage apply to Captain SHEPHERD, on board, or to
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NOW LOADING AT WEST SIDE OF CIRCULAR QUAY.
The well-known iron ship PORT JACKSON, A1 at Lloyd's, ROBT. CROMBIE, Commander.
This fine vessel has already her dead weight stowed, and, having large engagements, will meet with despatch.
For freight, &c., apply to Captain Crombie, or to MASON BROTHERS, Limited.
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The A1 Barque, HAVFRUEN, having large engagements, will meet with quick despatch.
For freight, &c., apply to
ALFRED LAMB and CO. / GILCHRIST, WATT, and CO. } Agents
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FOR LONDON.
FOR THE MARCH WOOL SALES.
The magnificent clipper ship. SKELMORLIE, 1526 tons, G. Halliday, commander, is now fast loading, and being under engagement, will sail on 29th December. Shippers will please complete their engagements.
For terms of freight, apply to M. METCALFE and CO.
Wool received at Central Wharf.

BARQUE MAROON, from MARSEILLES.
CONSIGNEES are requested to PASS ENTRIES at once for Smith's Wharf, Miller's Point.
The ship will not be responsible for any damage to or loss of cargo after the same shall have been landed, and any cargo impeding discharge will be entered, and stored at consignee's risk and expense.
Bills of Lading must be produced, freight paid, and delivery orders obtained from the undersigned before any goods can leave the wharf.
Consignees are requested to call on the undersigned re jettisoned cargo as early as possible.
JUPITER, UNGHER and CO., Agents, 279, George-street.
Captain MACDONALD will not be responsible for any Debts contracted by his Crew without his written authority.

S.S. JANET NICOLL, from N. Z. PORTS, via BRISBANE.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
CONSIGNEES are requested to PASS ENTRIES at once for Cowper Wharf, Woolloomooloo Bay.
The ship will not be responsible for any loss of or damage to cargo after the same shall have been landed, and any cargo impeding the discharge will be entered, landed, and stored at consignees' risk and expense.
Bills of Lading must be produced, freight paid, and delivery orders obtained from the undersigned before any cargo can leave the wharf.
UNION S.S. COMPANY, Agents.

S.S. ERA, from LONDON.
CONSIGNEES are requested to PASS ENTRIES at once for Moore's Wharf.
The ship will not be responsible for any damage to, or loss of cargo after same shall have been landed, and any cargo impeding discharge will be entered and stored at consignees' risk and expense.
Bills of Lading must be produced, freight paid, and delivery orders obtained from the undersigned before any goods can leave the wharf.
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DIVING GEAR, Siebe and Gorman's, or Heinke's, and all appliances, at greatly REDUCED PRICES.
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Having a Wharf, with deep water, and all Machinery and appliances, we are prepared to Execute all descriptions of Ships', Joiners', and Carpenters' Work, Cabin Fittings, &c., on the shortest notice, and at reasonable rates. A large quantity of Teak Wood in stock.
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Repairs to Vessels' Machinery and Boilers executed with despatch, and on reasonable terms.
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MR. JAMES CHEYNE is requested to call at once at 16, Temora-terrace, Pyrmont. Important.

MR. J. HEARN.—Meet Mr. G. Langley, Builders' Exchange, 11 o'clock to-day. Important.

WOULD Mr. BENJAMIN SPARKS, Merchant, of Brisbane, kindly call on Wednesday, 26th instant, at Reckitt and Sons', Limited, 425, Kent-street, Sydney.

Lost and Found.

LOST, from Balmain Sunday last, Chestnut HORSE, no shoes, one foot white. Reward. Kent, Smith-street, Balmain.

LOST, in first-class railway carriage by mail train last Sunday morning, from Peat's Ferry to Sydney, WRITING CASE, with name T. E. Stericker, Sydney; also, two Hand Bags, Top Coat, and Umbrella. Reward on restoration to Reckitt and Sons, Limited, 425, Kent-street, Sydney.

ONE Pound Reward.—Strayed, from 26, Booth-street, Annandale, Bay Horse, JN near shoulder, off hind foot white. W. J. Thackray.

STRAYED on the South Annandale Estate, Petersham, on Friday last, and calved same day, a red COW, branded R over 5 near side rump and broken horn off side. Owner can have same by paying expenses.

WOOLLAHRA POUND.—Dark Brown MARE, BW near shoulder, triangle over star.

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MAKE YOUR PURCHASES.
1200 yards Black Satin Merveilleux, all silk and good width, only 23½d per yard
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2000 yards Black Satin Merveilleux, superior quality, 4s 6d, 4 11d yard
1000 yards Black Corded Silk, rich quality, 2s 9d yard
1000 yards Black Corded Silk, wide width, wear recommended, 3s 6d yard
900 yards Black Corded Silk, very special value, 4s 6d, 4s 11d yard
3000 yards Black Corded Silk, superior goods, 5s 6d, 6s 6d, 7s 6d yard
900 yards Black Stripe Moirés, newest styles, wonderful value, 4s 11d yard, worth 6s 6d
800 yards Black Pekin Stripe Silk, all new designs, pure silk, 3s 11d yard, worth 5s 6d
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A LARGE and SPLENDID SHIPMENT.
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Ladies' Taffeta and Milanese Silk
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SPECIAL PARCEL OF TAN SUEDE, EXTRAORDINARY VALUE.
4-Button Suede, 1s 9d
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SPECIAL ATTENTION INVITED TO THIS PARTICULAR PARCEL OF GLOVES.

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BLACK DRESS MATERIAL.
In this department we are showing sterling value, and have, for our Christmas trade, made provision for increasing business in the shape of CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR DOMESTICS, &c.
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All-wool French Cashmere, 14s the dress
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All-wool French Merino, 14s the dress
All-wool French Merino, 16s the dress
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ENORMOUS SHIPMENTS TO HAND
BOYS' WASHING SUITS
250 BLUE STRIPE TWILL, SAILOR SUITS, 3s 6d
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1000 SAILOR BLOUSES (only), as now worn in London, 4s 11d, 5s 6d
500 WHITE DRILL Knickerbockers (only), 2s 6d pair
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STRIPED DUNGAREE Sailor Suits, 7s 6d, 8s 6d
WHITE DRILL Jack Tar Suits, 9s 6d, 12s 6d, 18s 6d
WHITE DRILL BLOUSE, with Blue Serge Knickers, 10s 6d
WHITE DRILL BLOUSE with Blue Serge Trousers, 16s 6d
WHITE FLANNEL NAVAL Suits, 12s 6d
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WHITE SERGE NAVAL SUITS, stripped trimmings 14s 6d
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A JOB LOT of Cricketing Trousers, very cheap, 5s 6d, 6s 6d
BOYS' WASHING COATS, in great variety
BOYS' and YOUTHS' long Trouser Suits
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TWEED SUITS, for school wear, 16s 6d, 18s 6d, 25s, 27s 6d
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MEMBERS will please take notice that the OLD ENTRANCE, leading from the BUNNERONG-ROAD, is CLOSED. All vehicles conveying members inside the course will enter by NEW MAIN GATE A, on the Randwick-road.

MEMBERS using LICENSED VEHICLES are respectfully requested to alight at the SADDLING PADDOCK ENTRANCE.

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All vehicular traffic will enter at the New Main Gate, excep private vehicles with passengers for centre of course only, which will enter at the Old Main Gate.
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"Hands across the sea,
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CRYSTAL PALACE, YORK-STREET.

SEVENTH CONCERT.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

PROGRAMME.
1. Overture—"Merrie England" ... Metcalf
BAND OF SECOND REGIMENT.
2. Glee—"Hail, Smiling Morn" ... Spofforth (1768-1864)
ORPHEUS GLEE and MADRIGAL UNION.
3. Song—"The Anchor's Weighed" ... Braham (1774-1856)
Mr. A. SEARLE.
4. Song—"Bid me Discourse" ... Bishop 1786-1855)
Miss SID. KEANE.
THE FAKIR OF OOLU
and his
BEAUTIFUL ENTRANCED LADY
in their
ENTRANCEMENT SCENE.
5. Violin Solo—"Martha" ... Flowtow (1812)
Mons. H. POUSSARD.
6. Song—"The Village Blacksmith" ... Weiss
Mr. F. J. HALLEWELL.
7. Song—"Should he Upbraid" ... Bishop (1786-1855
Miss FRANCES SAVILLE.
8. Duet (Trombone and cornet)—"Polka" Hartmann
BAND OF SECOND REGIMENT.

Interval of Ten Minutes,
During which PROFESSOR SYLVESTER
will show some
PRETTY EFFECTS ON THE FOUNTAIN.

9. Fantasia—"The Pride of England" ... Round
BAND OF SECOND REGIMENT.
10. Glee—"Swiftly from the Mountain's Brow" ... S. Webbe (1740-1816)
ORPHEUS GLEE and MADRIGAL UNION.
11. Song—"Dashing White Sergeant" ... Bishop
Miss FRANCES SAVILLE.
12. Song—"Friar of Orders Grey" ... Reeves (1757-1815)
Mr. F. J. HALLEWELL.
13. Violin Solo—"Old English Airs" ... Poussard
Mons. H. POUSSARD.
14. Duet—"Could a Man be Secure" ... Godwin (1719)
Mr. PARKINSON and Mr. HALLEWELL.
15. Glee—"Chough and Crow" ... Bishop (1786-1855)
ORPHEUS GLEE and MADRIGAL UNION.
16. March—"The Union Jack of Old England" ... Hartmann
BAND OF SECOND REGIMENT.

Accompanist ... ... Miss NAYLOR.

Arena Chairs, Two Shillings; Promenade, One Shilling.

S. CHURCHILL OTTON,
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WAREHOUSEMEN'S SKATING CARNIVAL and SOCIAL on MONDAY, DECEMBER 31,
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Admission, 2s and 1s. To commence at 8 o'clock.

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First appearance in Sydney of
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also of
LITTLE MAY HANNAN.
Mr. ARNOLD will be supported by members of Mr. BROUGH and Mr. BOUCICAULT'S CO., including
Miss PATTIE BROWNE
and
Miss MYRA KEMBLE.
Incidental to the piece Mr. Arnold will sing—The "Boatman's Lullaby," "Pleasures await you my boy," "Blind Man's Buff," "The Baby Coquette," &c.
Box Plan open at Nicholson's.

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Business Manager, Mr. JOE DAVIS.

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Mr. FRANK LINCOLN will — The success of Artemus Ward, America's Greatest Humourist
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"Mr. Lincoln is at the
TOP OF THE TREE
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It readily re-echoes Mr. Ruskin's remark—
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EACH DAY'S PROGRAMME
DAY and NIGHT, 10 O'CLOCK till 10 O'CLOCK.

ALL THE TIME—The Magnificent New Summer Skating Rink. ADMISSION FREE.
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ALL THE TIME—The Fernery and the Balconies.

ALL THE TIME,
TWO OF FRENCH'S BRASS BANDS.

12 o'clock—Leopold on the slack wire from cliff to cliff.
1 o'clock—Skating by the public, free.
1.30—Castle and Eveline in their Risley Act on the Lawn.
1.45—French's Aerial Performance.
2 o'clock—Miss MABEL SYLVESTER,
the Champion Trick and Fancy Act.

2.15—Skating by the general public. Free.
2.15—The Model Steamer on the Shark Pond. A marvel of ingenuity.
2.30—Young Leopold Blindfolded on the Wire from Cliff to Cliff.
2.45—"Just to Please the Children," J. C. Bryant, with his Ventriloquial Babies.
3 o'clock—The Broadbent Brothers in their Tumbling Acts on the Lawn.
3.30. Miss MABEL SYLVESTER
in her graceful Trick Skating.
3.45—The Performing Seals on the Lawn.
4 o'clock—J. C. Bryant in his Varieties.
4.15—The Carble Family of Acrobats.
4.30—The Clowns on the Lawn.
5 o'clock—Leopold crosses from Cliff to Cliff.

Every minute from 10 till 10,
The SWITCHBACK from Cliff to Cliff.

THE EVENING.
From 7 o'clock.
The Magnificent SKATING RINK,
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Free to the Public.

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Swings, Roundabouts, Water Roundabouts, See-saws,
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do not fail to see me at
CRICKET MATCH
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—SAMMY.

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GREATEST HOLIDAY PROGRAMME EVER OFFERED FOR ONE SHILLING.
Yesterday's S. M. HERALD says:—"A glance at the programme shows that the taste of everyone has been considered."
ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DAY, which will take place as advertised WHETHER WET OR FINE, in the largest and most beautiful hall in Sydney, capable of accommodating
5000 SPECTATORS.

THE MAGNIFICENT SWIMMING BATHS open 6 a.m. to 11 p.m., with the exception of from 2.30 to 4, during Aquatic Carnival.

SKATING from 10 to 3 p.m. in the Great Hall. New Raymond skates and good floor, cool and protected from sun or rain.

At 12 o'clock, in the Grounds—Mons. LECARDO and his Snakes
At 12.30, in the Grounds—Professor BECKFORD and his famous Punch and Judy Show
At 1, on the Lawn—The PERFORMING SEALS
At 2, in the Grounds—Overture, "National Airs"—The CITY BAND
At 2.15—Mons. LECARDO and his Snakes
At 2.30—Professor BECKFORD'S Punch and Judy Show
At 3 sharp—MONSTER AQUATIC CARNIVAL, in the Baths—Ladies' Races, Boys' Races, Diving for Eggs, 50 yards Handicap, Sensational Dive from Trapeze, Penguin Hunt, Long Dive by Mr. Gus. Kuster, Exhibition by Natator.
Valuable Trophies and Prizes.
At 4, on the floor of the Main Hall—Mr. A. F. SMITH, the Original Specialty Character and Acrobatic Wonder on Rollers. N.B.—Mr. Smith appears three times, with short intervals for change of costume. 1st—Scientific Skating; 2nd—The Dude on Skates; 3rd—The Beginner.
At 4.30, on the Stage—Miss BELL STUART, the Charming Young Vocalist and Danseuse, in her great Specialty, "The Magpie," with Sand Jig.
At 4.40—Mr. HARRY RICKARDS, the People's Favourite, will appear in his immensely successful renditions of
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Miss STUART, Irish Song, with Sailor's Hornpipe.
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"THE ONLY ONE," "OR NEAR IT."
In the Grounds, Professor BECKFORD'S Punch and Judy Show,
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COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS' ASSOCIATION
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The Committee have much pleasure in announcing that the FIFTH ANNUAL DINNER will be held at Aarons' Exchange Hotel on THURSDAY, 27th December, 1888, 7.30 p.m.
Mr. W. M'MILLAN, M.L.A., has consented to take the chair.
Tickets, one guinea; may be obtained from any of the Committee, or
E. G. ROSENTHALL,
Hon. Secretary.

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All VISITORS to Sydney should go and see the ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS, Moore Park, and inspect
THE GRAND MENAGERIE
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Monkeys and Baboons
Lions and Tigers
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Eagles, Hawks, and Owls
Cockatoos, Parrots, and Parrakeets
Gold and Silver Pheasants
Quail, Rail and Crown Pigeons
Doves, Peafowl, and Song Birds
Emu and Cassowaries
Pelicans, Black Swans, and Ducks
Snakes, Iguanas, and Tortoises.

The Children can Ride on the Elephants, the Pony, and the Soudan Donkey.

The Female ELEPHANT will PERFORM at 3 p.m.

And the BABY BROWN BEAR will DANCE for the Amusement of the Children.

The LIONS, TIGERS, LEOPARDS, and PUMAS will be FED at 4 p.m.

REFRESHMENTS can be obtained at moderate prices at Quong Tart's Chinese Pavilion.

ADMISSION TO THE GARDENS, 6d; CHILDREN, 3d.

Randwick and Coogee Trams stop at the Gates. Fare, 3d.; Children, 1d.

GRAND CHRISTMAS EXCURSON to BROKEN BAY and HAWKESBURY RIVER,
On
BOXING DAY, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26.

The Newcastle Steamship Company, Limited, will, weather permitting, despatch the favorite s.s. SYDNEY, 700 tons, Captain R. J. Skinner, from Lime-street Wharf, foot of Erskine-street, at 10 a.m.

Arrival in Sydney on return about 8 p.m.

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Parties of 3 or more adults, at 3s each. Children under 12 half-price.

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YOUNG splendid Cab HORSE, very fast, stands trams, any trial. M. Halstead, Jenolan, Hurstville.

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Government Notices.

Department of Railways, Sydney, 21st December, 1888.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS for CHRISTMAS, 1888.

HOLIDAY EXCURSION TICKETS will be issued from MONDAY, 10th December, up till and including TUESDAY, 1st January, 1889, under the following arrangements, viz.:—

From all stations to stations distant over 15 miles, commencing with the Mail Trains leaving terminal stations on MONDAY, 10th December, 1888, and till the 1st January, 1889, both days inclusive, available for return until the 31st January, 1889.

At stations other than suburban, for distances not exceeding 15 miles, similar tickets will be issued from the 22nd December, 1888, till the 1st January, 1889, both days inclusive, available for return for one week from date of issue.

On the suburban lines Holiday Excursion Tickets will be issued to stations on the suburban section distant 14 miles and over on the 26th and 31st December, 1888, and 1st January, 1889, available for return until the 9th January, 1889.

TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS.

In addition to the Ordinary Trains the following Special Trains will be run on the dates mentioned. In each case the times are shown for the departure from the terminal stations only, but the Special Trains will stop at intermediate stations, and times can be obtained from local Stationmasters:—

SYDNEY and NEWCASTLE.

WEDNESDAY, 26th DECEMBER.
Leave Sydney for Newcastle ... 7.0 a.m.
Leave Sydney for Newcastle ... 7.20 p.m.
Leave Sydney for Newcastle ... 11.30 p.m.
Leave Newcastle for Sydney ... 6.30 a.m.
Leave Newcastle for Sydney ... 5.0 p.m.

THURSDAY, 27th DECEMBER.
Leave Newcastle for Sydney ... 5.30 a.m.

MONDAY, 31st DECEMBER.
Leave Sydney for Newcastle ... 7.20 p.m.
Leave Newcastle for Sydney ... 5.0 p.m.

TUESDAY, 1st JANUARY, 1889.
Leave Sydney for Newcastle ... 7.0 a.m.
Leave Sydney for Newcastle ... 7.20 p.m.
Leave Newcastle for Sydney ... 6.30 a.m.
Leave Newcastle for Sydney ... 5.0 p.m.

SOUTHERN LINE.

WEDNESDAY, 26th DECEMBER.
Leave Sydney for Goulburn ... 8.30 a.m.
Leave Goulburn for Sydney ... 4.40 p.m.

THURSDAY, 27th DECEMBER.
Leave Goulburn for Sydney ... 5.15 a.m.

SATURDAY, 29th DECEMBER.
Leave Sydney for Goulburn ... 8.30 a.m.
*Leave Sydney for Goulburn ... 1.55 p.m.
Leave Goulburn for Sydney ... 4.40 p.m.
* Return as Tourist train on Monday.

MONDAY, 31st DECEMBER.
Leave Sydney for Goulburn ... 8.30 a.m.
Leave Goulburn for Sydney ... 4.40 p.m.

TUESDAY, 1st JANUARY, 1889.
Leave Sydney for Goulburn ... 8.30 a.m.
Leave Goulburn for Sydney ... 4.40 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 2nd JANUARY.
Leave Goulburn for Sydney ... 5.15 a.m.

WESTERN LINE.

WEDNESDAY, 26th DECEMBER.
Leave Sydney for Bowenfels ... 7.0 a.m.
Leave Sydney for Bathurst ... 7.0 p.m.
Leave Bowenfels for Sydney ... 3.10 p.m.
Leave Mount Victoria for Sydney ... 5.0 p.m.

THURSDAY, 27th DECEMBER.
Leave Bathurst for Sydney ... 4.5 a.m.

SATURDAY, 29th DECEMBER.
Leave Sydney for Bathurst ... 7.0 a.m.
Leave Sydney for Bathurst ... 1.45 p.m.
Leave Bathurst for Sydney ... 3.40 p.m.

TUESDAY, 1st JANUARY, 1889.
Leave Sydney for Bowenfels ... 7.0 a.m.
Leave Bowenfels for Sydney ... 3.10 p.m.
Leave Mount Victoria for Sydney ... 5.0 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 2nd JANUARY.
Leave Bathurst for Sydney ... 4.5 a.m.

BOXING DAY, 26th DECEMBER, 1888, AND NEW YEAR'S DAY, 1st JANUARY, 1889.
Leave Bathurst for Orange ... 8.0 a.m.
Leave Orange for Bathurst ... 4.0 p.m. & 6.10 p.m.

ILLAWARRA LINE.

WEDNESDAY, 26th DECEMBER.
Leave Sydney for Kiama ... 7.45 a.m.
Leave Sydney for Wollongong ... 9.0 a.m.
Leave Sydney for Kiama ... 7.45 p.m.
Leave Kiama for Sydney ... 6.0 p.m.
Leave Wollongong for Sydney ... 4.30 p.m.

THURSDAY, 27th DECEMBER.
Leave Kiama for Sydney ... 5.45 a.m.

MONDAY, 31st DECEMBER.
Leave Sydney for Kiama ... 7.45 p.m.
Leave Kiama for Sydney ... 6.0 p.m.

TUESDAY, 1st JANUARY, 1889.
Leave Sydney for Kiama ... 7.45 a.m.
Leave Sydney for Wollongong ... 9.0 a.m.
Leave Sydney for Kiama ... 7.45 p.m.
Leave Kiama for Sydney ... 5.30 a.m.
Leave Kiama for Sydney ... 6.0 p.m.
Leave Wollongong for Sydney ... 4.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 2nd JANUARY.
Leave Kiama for Sydney ... 5.30 a.m.

By order of the Commissioners,
D. VERNON, Secretary for Railways.

Roads Department, Sewerage Branch, Sydney, 17th December, 1888.

TENDERS.

ATTENTION is directed to Gazette notice inviting Tenders for undermentioned work, viz.:—

—	Time for receipt of Tenders.
Construction of Harrington-street, Branch intercepting Sewer, contract No. 36, Sydney Sewerage Works.	January 16, 1888.

JOHN SUTHERLAND.

Department of Public Works, Sydney, December 22, 1888.

TENDERS FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND SUPPLIES.

For conditions see Government Gazette.

Nature of Works and Supplies.	Dates to which Tenders can be received at this office.
Bridge over Kingdon Ponds-road, Sandy Creek to Aberdeen	Thursday, December 27, at 11 o'clock.
Erection of Bridge over Whalan River, at Yarrawa	
Erection of Bridge, Pilliga Lagoon, at Pilliga	
Erection of Chemical and Mineralogical Laboratory, University of Sydney (time extended)	
Construction of Floor, engine house, new dock, Cockatoo Island	
Construction of Wharf, &c., Macdonald River	
Supply, &c., Mooring Buoys, Byron Bay	
Repairing Clay Dock, Macleay River, near Kempsey	
Construction of Clay Dock, Manning River, near Cundletown	
Erection of Bridge, Greenbah Creek-road, Moree to Merve	
Construction of Wharf for landing prisoners at Cockatoo Island	Wednesday, January 2, at 11 o'clock.
Erection of Bridges over Biree and Bokhara Creeks, road Brewarrina to Lednapper	
Bridge over Emigrant Creek, road Lismore to Ballina	
Bridge over Namoi River at Terriaro	
Erection of Courthouse, Glebe	
Conveyance of Cast Iron Pipes, &c., from Sydney to District between Potts Hill and St. Leonards	
Bridge over Culgoa River, road Brewarrina to Lednappa	Wednesday, January 16, at 11 o'clock.
Construction of Wharf, &c., Port Hacking (fresh tenders)	
Erection of Dwarf Wall, &c., Parramatta Park	
Additions Mudgee Gaol	
Drainage Cockatoo Island (fresh tenders)	
Erection of Lighthouse, Smoky Cape	
Erection of Watchhouse, Wollongong	
Alterations, Fortifications, Newcastle	
Construction of Harrington-street Sewer, Contract 36, Sydney Sewerage	
Alterations District Court, Sydney	
Repairs, Post-office, West Maitland	
Erection of Bridge, Cook's River, at Tempe (Contracts 1 and 2). Fresh tenders	
Erection over Colombo Creek-road, Yamma to Colombo Creek Railway Station	
Erection of Bridge over Burrell Creek Kadina-road, Parkes, to Ten Mile Ridges	
Erection of Bridge, Mooki River, road Quirindi to Yarraman	
Erection of Police Station, Louth.	Wednesday, January 30, at 11 o'clock.

JOHN SUTHERLAND.

Drapery, Haberdashery, &c.

ANTHONY HORDERN AND SONS,
PALACE EMPORIUM,
HAYMARKET,
(ONLY),
CLOSE TO THE RAILWAY STATION.

This being BOXING DAY, and A PUBLIC HOLIDAY, THE PALACE EMPORIUM, HAYMARKET, WILL REMAIN CLOSED.

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SEEDS, Plants, Bulbs, and Beautiful Flowers.—The best at Searl and Sons, Nurserymen, &c., 107, King-street.

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BEAUMONT-CHAMBERS, 90, KING-STREET.
AGENCIES IN LONDON AND THROUGHOUT AUSTRALIA.

The following are the rates of interest allowed for FIXED DEPOSITS:—
3 years ... 9½ per cent.
12 months ... 8½ per cent.
6 months ... 7½ per cent.
3 months ... 5½ per cent.
Overdrafts granted against Deposit of Deeds, and all usual Banking Business transacted.
Communications from the country, addressed to the General Manager, will be promptly attended to.
H. LIKELY, Secretary.

FOREIGN AND COLONIAL EXCHANGE BANK OF AUSTRALASIA, Limited.
HEAD OFFICE, CIRCULAR QUAY, opposite Custom House, and at 13, Market-buildings, William-street, Melbourne.
CAPITAL, £500,000.
DIRECTORS:
R. H. REYNOLDS, Esq., Chairman.
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The First Dividend at the rate of 15 per cent. is now payable.
This Bank undertakes the EXCHANGE OF MONEY, both INTERNATIONAL and INTERCOLONIAL, including the COINAGE OF ALL FOREIGN NATIONS, in addition to all usual and customary Banking Business.
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12 months ... 7 per cent.
6 " ... 6 "
3 " ... 5 "
Communications to be addressed to "The Managing Director."

THE SYDNEY REAL ESTATE BANK, Limited.
AUTHORISED CAPITAL ... £1,000,000
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ... 500,000
OFFICES—108, PITT-STREET.
DIRECTORS:
J. W. CLIFF, Esq., Chairman
MAURICE ARON, Esq., J.P. (Messrs. Wallach Bros.)
JOHN BEVERIDGE, Esq. (Messrs. Geo. Griffiths and Co.)
J. B. CHRISTIAN, Esq.
J. Y. MILLS, Esq., J.P. (Messrs. Mills and Pile).
Real and Leasehold Estates Purchased.
DEPOSITS RECEIVED AT CURRENT RATES.
Sale and purchase of properties negotiated. Financial business arising out of real estate and general banking business transacted. Agency and trustee matters undertaken.
LOUIS C. HENDERSON, Manager.

FEDERAL BANK OF AUSTRALIA, Limited.
CAPITAL, TWO MILLIONS.
Subscribed Capital ... £800,000
Paid-up Capital ... £400,000
Reserve Fund and Undivided Profits ... £101,079
DEPOSITS RECEIVED on INTEREST at CURRENT RATES, for 3, 6, and 12 Months.
All usual Banking Business transacted.
EBENEZER MACDONALD, Manager.

THE ASSETS REALIZATION AND GENERAL FINANCE CO., Limited, No. 6, Spring-street.
CAPITAL.—Authorised, £200,000; Subscribed, £100,000.
DIRECTORS:
The Hon. S. A. Joseph, M.L.C., Chairman.
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T. Robert Allt, Esq. | James Plummer, Esq.
H. E. Russell, Esq., Managing Director.
This Company PURCHASES ASSETS in Insolvent, Assigned, or any other Estates.
It transacts FINANCIAL BUSINESS of every description by discounting bills, making advances upon approved securities, and assists traders in temporary difficulties.
It GUARANTEES Compositions to Creditors, Promissory Notes, Mortgages, Loans, &c.
It issues Administration and other Bonds.
DEPOSITS taken at call and for fixed periods.
I. ROBERTS, Secretary.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.
FIRE DEPARTMENT.
Capital (subscribed, 2½ millions), paid up ... £625,000
Reserves and Undivided Profits ... 1,788,000
Net Annual Fire Premiums ... 1,189,936
Every description of risk in town and country insured against Fire at lowest current rates.
Policies include risk of gas explosions, lightning, and bush fires.
GEORGE S. ARTHUR, Agent.
Offices—58, Pitt-street.

THE AUSTRALIAN EXPLORATION COMPANY, Limited.
Authorised Capital, £500,000.
Offices—14, O'Connell-street, Sydney.
This Company has been established to act as a reliable medium between the holders or owners of Mineral Properties of every description in all the colonies and the investing public.
It will provide on reasonable terms trustworthy reports from reliable experts on the value of Mining Properties.
It will assist in the development of Mineral Lands, and undertake the work of floating them into Limited Liability Companies on a rational basis, after receipt of favourable reports from its own inspector.
Further information can be obtained from the Secretary.
W. G. COLLINGS.

THE MORTGAGE, GUARANTEE, AND MERCANTILE FINANCE CORPORATION OF NEW SOUTH WALES, Limited.
AUTHORISED CAPITAL ... £1,000,000
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ... 250,000
BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
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W. H. ARMSTRONG, Esq. | H. C. FRASER, Esq.
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This Corporation makes THE NEGOTIATION OF MORTGAGES FOR FIXED PERIODS A SPECIAL FEATURE IN ITS BUSINESS.
It acts as BROKER between THOSE REQUIRING TO BORROW and THOSE DESIRING TO LEND. It is also prepared to GUARANTEE ANY MORTGAGE IT MAY RECOMMEND.
IT RECEIVES MONEY ON DEPOSIT, and allows INTEREST at the following rates:—
4 per cent. per annum at call
4½ per cent. per annum at 3 months
5 per cent. per annum at 6 months
6 per cent. per annum at 12 months
6½ per cent. per annum for longer periods.
HENRY A. SHERIDAN, Manager.
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MILK.—Pure country Milk from the Illawarra district delivered to dairymen and milk vendors at the Factory, Harris-street, Pyrmont.
The above Company is prepared to enter into contracts with dairymen, milk vendors, and others to supply pure country milk, delivered as above stated, at a uniform price all the year round.
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Old-established and well-known Book, Stationery, Fancy, Jewellery, and News Agency BUSINESS in leading country town for SALE; stock all good. Satisfactory reasons for selling. Exceptional advantage to buyers. Bank and Commercial references. Full particulars,
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THE CITY COAL COMPANY
ENGINE STREET, HAYMARKET,
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Immediate delivery.

ASSOCIATION CRICKET GROUND.
BOXING DAY. BOXING DAY.
GRAND SCORING.—Australian Eleven: First innings, 254; second innings, one out for 125.
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DON'T FORGET THE GRAND CRICKET MATCH.

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The Oldest Established Building Society in New South Wales.
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Advances made on approved City and Suburban Securities to any extent at Reduced Rates.
Full particulars may be had on application at the offices.
J. M. FOGARTY, Secretary.

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Offices: 171, YORK-STREET.
£50,000 to LEND.
Interest 7 per cent. Interest 7 per cent.
WILLIAM JARRETT, Manager.

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HEAD OFFICE—266, Pitt-street, Sydney.
DIRECTORS:
William Deane, Esq., chairman.
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INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:
For 12 months, 7 per cent.
For 6 months, 6½ per cent.
Subject to three days' notice, 6 per cent.
S. PATRICK, Manager.

THE AUSTRALIAN MERCANTILE, LOAN AND GUARANTEE CO., Limited.
Incorporated under Companies Act, 1872.
Capital, £500,000.
Sydney Office, Corner of Market and York streets, Sydney.
Melbourne Offices—10, Collins-street East.
Newcastle Offices—Hunter-street.
The Company grant immediate Advances upon Deeds of Land, Bills of Lading, Merchandise, Storage and Bond Certificates, Machinery, Cattle, Personal Guarantees, and all classes of mercantile or other approved securities, for fixed terms, or repayable by instalments at very reasonable rates of interest. Bills discounted daily.
INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:
3 months, 6 per cent.
6 " 7 "
12 " 8 "
and a Bonus declared to deposits of 12 months renewed, 2 per cent.; 6 months, 1½ per cent.
Arrangements can be made to withdraw deposits at any time on demand.
By order of the Board of Directors,
RUSSELL MARSHALL, Manager.

SYDNEY LAND BANK AND FINANCIAL AGENCY COMPANY, Limited.
A. J. S. Bank Buildings, George and King streets.
Authorised Capital ... £1,000,000.
Directors:
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Bills discounted.
Financial business transacted.
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Compositions to creditors guaranteed.
Dividends, Interest, Rents, and other forms of income collected.
Estates of Absentees and others managed.
Syndicates arranged, and Public Companies floated.
Deposits received at current rates.
STEPHEN MASON, Acting Manager.

SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN MUTUAL PERMANENT BUILDING AND LAND INVESTMENT ASSOCIATION, Limited.
POST-OFFICE-CHAMBERS, 114, PITT-STREET.
DIRECTORS:
W. S. Bussacott, Esq., J.P., Chairman.
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John Callaghan, Esq., J.P. | David Mackey, Esq., J.P.
Robert W. Hardie, Esq., J.P. | James Ward, Esq.
Authorised Capital ... £100,000
Subscribed Capital ... 82,070
Paid-up Capital ... 66,000
Reserve Fund Account ... 18,500
RATES FOR DEPOSITS.
Fixed for 12 months ... 6 per cent.
" 6 months ... 6 per cent.
" 3 months ... 5½ per cent.
" at call ... 5 per cent.
Balance Sheets may be had on application.
ADVANCES made on Freehold Properties at Repayments to suit Borrowers.
S. H. LEWIS, Manager.

LAND, MORTGAGE, LOAN, AND DISCOUNT COMPANY, Limited (INCORPORATED under the Companies Act).
CAPITAL ... £75,000, with power to increase.
Corner YORK and KING STREETS.
The Company make immediate Advances on all descriptions of Merchandise, bonded or otherwise, under hypothecation.
Trade Bills discounted daily.
All financial operations attended to promptly.
Reversionary Interests, Legacies (European or Australian colonies), Remittances advanced on or purchased.
SPECIAL NOTICE.
Farms, Farming Implements, Machinery, Horses, Cattle, Conditional Purchases (with certificate of conformity), also Bills of Sale without registration or possession, in small or large amounts.
SPECIAL.—First or Second Mortgages. Personal advances granted.
Highest Rates given for Fixed Deposits.
HUGH SHARPE, Acting Manager.

ANGLO-AUSTRALIAN INVESTMENT, FINANCE, and LAND COMPANY, Limited.
Head Office: 24, Hunter-street.
CAPITAL PAID-UP ... £90,000
CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED UNCALLED ... £260,000
RESERVE FUND ... £60,000
Directors:
HENRY GORMAN, Esq., J.P., Chairman
F. A. WRIGHT, Esq., J.P., Vice-Chairman
C. C. SKARRATT, Esq., J.P.
J. H. NEWMAN, Esq., J.P.
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DEPOSITS received on interest at Current Rates.
City and Suburban Properties for SALE to suit all classes of investors.
BENJAMIN JAMES, Manager.

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NOTICE TO BORROWERS.
LIBERAL ADVANCES can be obtained at moderate rate of interest, and low scale of repayment on approved Freehold and Leasehold Properties within the metropolitan district.
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HIGHEST RATES FOR FIXED DEPOSITS.
8½ per cent. for 12 months
7 per cent. for 6 months
6½ per cent. for 3 months.
Balance-sheets and full particulars on application to
F. W. EASLEY, Manager.
Sydney-office—Carrington-chambers, 30-32, Castlereagh-street.

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Loans may be repaid as under:—
Loan of £100, repayable by monthly instalments of £2 5s
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TRUST FUNDS for investment upon approved city or suburban freehold securities.
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MONEY to LEND on city and suburban properties, from 5 to 7 per cent. Advances made upon mining scrip for short period. Bills discounted at moderate rates. J. M. GREIG and CO., 3, Beaumont's-chambers, 90, King-street.

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MONEY to LEND on city, suburban, and country freeholds.
TRUST ACCOUNTS prepared and Estates managed.

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Apply to the Mayor, N. G. BULL; or
T. W. TAYLOR, 141, Pitt-street, Sydney.
Tenders received up to the 31st December next, and must be addressed under seal to
THE MAYOR, Liverpool.

AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL INVESTMENT AND BUILDING COMPANY, Limited.
Authorised Capital ... £100,000
Paid-up Capital ... £22,292
Reserve Fund ... £44,136
HEAD OFFICES: 309, PITT-STREET, SYDNEY.
BRANCH OFFICES: AUBURN-STREET, GOULBURN.
DEPOSITS received at the following rates:—
4 per cent. per annum at call
5 per cent. per annum at 6 months
6 per cent. per annum at 12 months
DEPOSITS for 12 MONTHS receive a BONUS at maturity.
The Progress of this Company has been greater than that of any similar Company in the colony. The following figures will illustrate the marked and continuous advancement made:—

	Deposits Received.	Total Receipts.
1883	£40,492 4 11	£61,317 13 5
1884	90,063 15 5	150,206 7 10
1885	285,921 15 7	330,318 4 11
1886	321,713 11 9	427,420 13 10
1887	380,234 5 1	458,208 14 2

Balance-sheets, Forms of Application for Shares, and all information, on application to
H. G. SWYNY, Managing Director.

LAND COMPANY OF AUSTRALASIA, Limited.
AUTHORISED CAPITAL, ONE MILLION.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £425,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL, £87,000. UNPAID CAPITAL, £338,000.
RESERVE FUND and UNDIVIDED PROFITS, £29,000.
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Brick Works: Gore Hill, Lane Cove-road, North Shore.
Rates of Interest allowed on Deposits:
6 per centum per annum for 12 months.
5 do. do. do. 6 months.
4 do. do. do. at call,
and on the daily balance of current accounts, which may be operated upon by cheques in the usual manner.
Money advanced for short periods on security of approved promissory notes.
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STATIONS, FARMS, HOUSES, and Building ALLOTMENTS, BRICKS, for ordinary building purposes, sewer and fancy work.
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G. BAKER WALKER, General Manager.

THE SYDNEY AGENCY AND FINANCE COMPANY, Limited.
Subscribed Capital ... £100,000.
DIRECTORS:
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ALF. W. MEEKS, Esq. (Gibbs, Bright, and Co.)
GEO. J. SLY, Esq., LL.D., Solicitor, York-street
WM. ED. WILSON, Esq. (R. Towns and Co.)
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PROMOTES COMPANIES,
DISCOUNTS and GUARANTEES BILLS,
and transacts every description of financial business.
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TOWN AND COUNTRY LAND, BUILDING, and INVESTMENT COMPANY, Limited.
Head Office, corner of Elizabeth and Bathurst streets.
Capital, £50,000, in £5 Shares.
Directors: Hon. F. ABIGAIL, M.P., Chairman; S. E. LEES, Esq., M.P.; W. HENSON, Esq., M.P.; J. C. NEILD, Esq., M.P.; N. J. MACKENZIE, Esq., J.P.; R. M'COY, Esq., J.P.
HIGHEST CURRENT RATES OF INTEREST FOR DEPOSITS.
Liberal Advances to Borrowers. Shares issued daily.
Annual Report and Balance-sheet on application.
W. ROBSON, Manager.

SYDNEY PERMANENT FREEHOLD LAND and BUILDING SOCIETY,
Corner of Pitt and Bathurst streets.
The Board are prepared to make liberal ADVANCES on property, or to build at 7 per cent. interest. Very moderate charges for mortgage, &c.
J. W. BIBBY, Secretary.
333, Pitt-street.

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FIRST FLOOR, 16, OXFORD-STREET, opposite Mark Foy's.
Office Hours, daily, 9 to 5; Monday Evenings, 7 to 9.
The above-named company make immediate CASH ADVANCES on the following low scale of interest:—
Persons borrowing £10 receive ... £9 6 8
" " £20 receive ... 18 13 4
" " £30 receive ... 28 0 0
" " £40 receive ... 37 6 8
" " £50 receive ... 46 13 4
And in proportion to any amount required.
ADVANCES MADE on ANY TANGIBLE SECURITY.

MONEY ADVANCED on the shortest notice on FREEHOLD and LEASEHOLD PROPERTIES, BILLS of SALE on Furniture, Stock-in-Trade, &c., &c., and any other approved of securities.
REPAYMENTS arranged to suit the borrower's convenience.
BILLS discounted daily at lowest rates of interest.
Business transacted without delay, and held strictly private.
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ADVANCES made on all classes of Security.
BILLS DISCOUNTED
BUSINESS of every kind financed
ASSETS, Interest under Wills, and Mortgages purchased
GUARANTEES and Administration Bonds given
DEPOSITS taken.
ASSETS REALIZATION and GENERAL FINANCE CO., Limited.
J. ROBERTS, Secretary.
6, Spring-street.

A. J. S. BANK BUILDINGS, 371, GEORGE-ST.
Sydney Land, Bank, and Financial Agency Company, Limited, have MONEY to LEND on Mortgage.
STEPHEN MASON, Acting Manager.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—December 24.

Tanais (s.), 1734 tons, Captain Lugan, from Noumea 20th instant. Passengers—For Sydney: Miss Gordon, Mrs. Banthaux, Miss Cole, Messrs. Knoblanch, H. Beaumont, Montagnat, Thompson, Gardner, Houdan, and 6 in other classes. For Marseilles: Mr. and Mrs. Lotz, Mr. and Mrs. Gayon and family (4), Mr. and Mrs. Bardoulet, Mr. and Mrs. Tristant and 2 children, Mrs. Loho and 3 children, Messrs. Porte, Mandel, Ropra, Moutont, Chantloube, Jacquiss, Verite, Garde, Vangoux, and 3 soldiers. A. Conil, agent.

December 25.

Burwah (s.), 982 tons, Captain W. Ellis, from Melbourne 23rd instant. Passengers—Mrs. Nankibilla, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Lenard, Mrs. Baum, Mrs. M'Cullen, Miss Carter, Miss Hanran, Miss Chambers, Miss Smith, Miss E. Catt, Miss Lewis, Miss Kemp, Misses Bookless (2), Miss Harper, Miss Altenonf, Miss May Hannon, Miss Gertie Smith, Miss Fleming, Miss Curran, Messrs. E. H. Eastwood, C. T. Parker, Hawley, S. Smith, T. Cooper, S. Gordon, J. Chrystal, W. Russell, England, M. Paulton, Phillips, Hambro, Marsh, Cates, Messrs. E. Arnold, Bernard, H. Kennedy, Gardiner, S. Froggatt, B. Jones, Curran, Darbyshire, Sosson, Nordin, M. Catchcart, Leake, A. Harris, J. Pefells, Schultz, Johnston, S. Mill, J. Mackay, H. Lenard, Fulton, J. Frazer, H. Oliver, W. Mulhall, F. Mann, Alberdice, Nankibilla, W. Allen, Singleton, E. Lithgo, and 83 in the steerage. Wm. Howard Smith and Sons, Limited, agents.

Wellington (s.), 118 tons, Captain R. Taplin, from Port Macquarie 24th instant. Passengers: Miss Stanner, Miss Bennett, Mrs. Best, Miss Birch, Miss Walters, Mrs. Collins, Miss Green, Mrs. Hayward, Messrs. Davis (2), A. G. Schey, T. M'Grath, G. Denham, W. Dick, Dick (2), G. Davis, Gali, J. Conden, M'Intyre, G. Parker, W. G. Suffield, M'Dennis, F. Baxter, C. Bluner, and 10 in the steerage. John See and Co., agents.

Helen, barque, 344 tons, Captain H. Boon, from Hobart December 16. T. Edginton and Co., agents.

Salier (s.), 3083 tons, Captain C. Thalenhorst, from Bremen 31st October, Antwerp 3rd ultimo, Southhampton 4th ultimo, Genoa 12th ultimo, Port Said 18th ultimo, Suez 20th ultimo, Aden 25th ultimo, Colombo 3rd instant, and Adelaide 20th instant, Melbourne December 22nd. Passengers—Mr. E. Hernsheim, Mr. W. Wolfgramm (for Tongatabu), Mr. Carl Otto, Miss M. S. Burke, Mr. and Mrs. Spring, Mr. Johann Garbade (for New Zealand), Mr. Isaac Ruff, Miss Whitewell, Mr. Kohn, Mr. Burke, and a large number in the steerage. Finck and Betz, Limited, agents.

Era (s.), 2378 tons, Captain J. Hansby, from Hartlepool 29th September, via London 10th October, Isle of Wight 14th, and Adelaide 9th instant, Melbourne 22nd. Wm. Howard Smith and Sons, Limited, agents.

Changsha (s.), 2050 tons, Captain J. E. Williams, from Hongkong November 26, Foochow December 1, Port Darwin December 11, Thursday Island, Cooktown, and Brisbane December 23. Passengers—From Hongkong: Mr. Bean, Mr. Scriven, Mr. and Mrs. Graystone and 2 children, Mrs. Sinclair. From Japan: Miss Vetch. From Port Darwin: Messrs. Hans, Doneghan, and 14 in the steerage. Lorimer, Rome, and Co., agent.

Kiama (s.), 200 tons, Captain William Barker, from Moruya. Passengers—Mrs. Grater, Miss Wright, Mrs. Hordern and family, Mrs. Grayson and family, Mrs. Johnson, Miss Finney, Miss Walmes, Miss Gribbin, Miss Woodward, Miss Wilson, Miss Ireland, Misses Phipper (2), Miss Murphy, Miss Coxon, Miss Smith, Messrs. Jackson, Duross, Pinck, Leoni, Riggler, Teir, Rossback, Robb, Winter, Phipper, M'Arrow, Daily, Ireland, Morrisade, Starkey, Simon, Graham, Baldwin, Robertson, Brown, Clarke, Meade, Grater, Hughs Auton, Anderson, Clark, Arnott, Wright, Mouleman, Barrett. I. S. N. Company, agents.

Janet Nicoll (s.), 779 tons, Captain E. Henry, from Lyttelton, via Brisbane December 23. George W. Nicoll, agent.

Hastings, schooner, 88 tons, from Brisbane December 20. H. B. Hughes, agent.

DEPARTURES.—December 25.

Oceanien (s.), for Marseilles, via ports.
Thurso, for Mauritius, via Newcastle.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—December 26.

Alameda (s.), for San Francisco, via ports; Burwah (s.), for Brisbane and ports; Fernmount (s.), for Nambucca River; Woodburn (s.), for Macleay River; Namoi (s.), Sydney (s.), for Newcastle.

IMPORTS.—December 25.

[A special charge is made for consignees' notices in this column.]

Era (s.), from London, via ports: 500 cases bottled beer, 75 packages colza oil, 50 packages lead, 40 packages hardware, 60 casks sherry, 20 casks port, 200 casks ale, 10 ½-hogsheads ale, 30 kegs wine, 50 cases lemon-juice, 53 cases matches, 209 packages wrapping paper, 24 casks tinware, 2 pianos, 39 cases hats, 400 packages, 80 packages galvanised wire, 272 cases drapery, 5 packages floorcloth, 17 packages cottons, 4 packages clothing, 92 packages boots, 17 packages furniture, 564 packages currants, 156 packages oilstores, 105 packages drugs, 5 packages pavement lights, 49 bales hops, 200 fishplates, 5 pairs sheep-shears, 117 cases herrings, 331 cases, 100 pieces.

Changsha (s.), from Hongkong: 2000 bags rice, 270 packages curios and other merchandise, 2560 packages general merchandise. From Foochow: 5255 half-chests and 2029 boxes tea and some sundries, 87 packages chairs, 3 cases general cargo. For Newcastle: 1191 half-chests tea. From Port Darwin—For Sydney: A package of gold specie, value £2199. Optional for Sydney or Melbourne: 14,000 bags rice, 8 cases general cargo, 16,000 bags sugar. For Melbourne: 2717 half-chests tea, 896 boxes ditto, also a quantity of chairs. For Adelaide: 8 cases plants, 500 bags rice, 108 packages porcelain, 1117 half-chests tea, 602 boxes. For Auckland: 148 half-chests tea, 303 boxes ditto. For Wellington: 200 half-chests 807 boxes tea, 16 cases cigars. For Dunedin: 48 packages general cargo, 8900 packages sugar.

Hastings, from Brisbane: 100 cases dynamite, 112 tons scrap iron.

The steamer Wellington crossed Port Macquarie bar 11 a.m. on 24th, arrived in Sydney 6 a.m. 25th. Experienced N.E. winds to Newcastle, thence to port strong S.W. winds and fine weather throughout the passage. Cargo: 118 bags maize, 16 hides, 29 pigs, 13 coops poultry, 6 cases eggs, 10 bags potatoes, 19 quarter-casks wine, 31 bags stones, 20 bags sundries.

The steamer Burwah left Melbourne December 23 at 1.20 a.m., and rounded Wilson's Promontory at 6.30 p.m. same day, passed Gabo 4.15 a.m. 24th, and arrived at Sydney at 1 a.m. 25th.

A ship at 1.40 p.m., a barque at 2.15 p.m., and the steamer Fasby passed the Heads here yesterday, bound north. The steamer Fiado, from Newcastle to Melbourne, passed, bound south.

The barque Helen, of Hobart, one of Messrs. Alex. M'Gregor and Co.'s fleet, has brought a cargo consisting entirely of hay and chaff, of which she has on board about 130 tons. The Helen, though a small wooden vessel of some 340 tons, has seen some service in the Anglo-Hobart trade with the Harriet M'Gregor and the Lufra, belonging to the same owner. She is a smart little craft, strongly built, but is not so good a vessel as she was when she was launched by Mr. Steele in 1864 from his yards at Greenock, though she has had all the care possible taken of her. Captain Boon reports leaving Hobart on the 16th, passed Cape Pillar next day, and met with light airs and fog to passing Shouter Island; thence strong southerly winds and fresh N.E. winds; fell in with a fresh southerly on Sunday, at 2 a.m., and made the Heads; beat in, taking the steamer off the Sow and Pigs. She berths at Fagan's Wharf. The Helen will probably go up to Newcastle from here.

During the outward trip of the steamer Era, which is now lying at Moore's Wharf discharging, a singularly severe storm was experienced while she was crossing the Southern Ocean. She was no doubt pretty deep, having some 4000 tons of cargo, and she certainly felt the effects of the tempest, as her report explains:—"On November 28, in 40° south and 64·30 east, a violent N. N. W. gale, with terrific squalls and fearfully high sea, was encountered for 22 hours, during the whole of which time she was hove to. Six days after, in 39° south and 91° east, another gale of much greater force was encountered, and being of a cyclonic nature created a succession of fearfully turbulent seas, one of which curled over the stern, carrying away the steering covering gear and the wheel itself close to the nave; also the harness casks and binnacle, and rushing forward with a dash, found ingress to the engine-room, putting out the wing fires. Fortunately steam was maintained, and no further damage was done. Previous to this, oil bags had been used with some effect, but as the sea still continued bad Captain Bannatyne had the closets below filled with oil, and opened sufficient to allow of small egress. This had a wonderful control over the seas, and is worthy of being noted. After 18 hours the hurricane abated.

A man-of-war, barque rigged, passed Seal Rocks at 2 p.m. yesterday, bound south, supposed to be the Russian Nayezdnik, for Sydney.

The steamer Catterthun, hence to Hongkong via ports, passed Port Macquarie at 9.30 a.m. yesterday.

The schooner Hastings, from Brisbane, left there on Thursday last, and sheltered in Trial Bay during a heavy southerly gale; thence moderate weather.

Mr. R. B. Wallace, under date of Newcastle, December 22, writes per circular:—"Extra exertions have been made to get ships loaded, and the pressure being now somewhat relieved, it is estimated that good dispatch will be afforded at all the collieries by about the middle of January. The export of coal for foreign trade during the past 21 days has reached 72,000 tons. For San Francisco: There are 10 departures, with 20,057 tons coal. The tonnage here to follow is of a capacity of 25,000 tons. Tonnage is enquired for at 18s. For San Diego: Four vessels have sailed, taking 5467 tons. The Edinburgh and Lotus are under engagement to follow with about 3000 tons. 19s is quoted as the current freight. For Wilmington: There are two departures, with 4332 tons, and four vessels here to load about 9000 tons. 21s freight is current. For Valparaiso the export is 23,375 tons. There are 12 vessels here to load for this port about 16 000 tons. The Wachusett has sailed for Coquimbo with 1935 tons, and the Helios is to follow. The Balcarry is loaded for Iquiqui, and the Remonstrant loads about 1550 tons for Antofagasta. For Manila: 3481 tons have been shipped. The Landseer, under charter at 17s 6d, and Northern Empire, under home charter, are loaded. 17s 6d is now offering."

Several changes have been made in the China Navigation Company's steamers with respect to the officers. Mr. Harder, who was chief of the Tsinan is now in the Changsha; Captain Fawcett is out of the Whampoa, which vessel is coming to Sydney in command of Captain Hughes. Captain Harris, of the Foochow, has been transferred to the Woosung. Mr. Nelson, who was chief of the Changsha, has had his ability rewarded by promotion to the command of the company's steamer Soochow.

So far as yesterday's shipping decorations were concerned the display of evergreens and bunting made by Captain Crombie on board his splendid four-masted ship Port Jackson cast in the shade everything else in the port. A good deal of labour and expense were represented in the wreaths and the mottoes. "A merry Christmas and a Happy New Year," and "Prosperity to New South Wales" showed up prominently, and caught the eye from every part of Circular Quay.

THE SALIER.

Early yesterday morning the Imperial German mail steamer Salier, Captain C. Thalenhorst, of the Norddeutscher Lloyd line, arrived from Bremen, via ports. She is the best known of the Australian-German line, and as the pioneer of the Australian service she has maintained an excellent name for being a most comfortable ship to travel by. Upon the present visit Captain Thalenhorst has with him the same staff officers as last, and the passengers speak in most complimentary terms of the courtesies shown them, Mr. H. Ahlers, the Salier's obliging purser, sharing largely in these testimonials. The Salier has about 600 tons of cargo on board for Sydney. Of the outward voyage Captain Thalenhorst reports:—The s.s. Salier left Bremen the 31st October, 1888, and Antwerp the 3rd November. She brings a full cargo, 46 saloon and 230 steerage passengers. Called at Southampton on 4th November, and at Genoa on the 12th, arrived at Port Said the 18th, and received there the European mail. Passed through the Canal of Suez in 18 hours and left Suez the 20th November. She called at Aden and Colombo, which last port she left on the 3rd of December. The passage through the Red Sea and Indian Ocean was with very few exceptions against fresh winds and moderate sea, but cool and pleasant. Anchored at Port Adelaide on the 19th December. After discharging cargo left again the next day at 6 o'clock a.m. Port Melbourne was reached on 21st and left 23rd instant at 5 o'clock a.m. Arrived at Sydney 25th instant, at 7 o'clock a.m.

THE ERA.

Reference has before been made briefly to the style of vessel last built for Messrs. William Howard Smith and Sons, Limited, the Era. She put in an appearance here yesterday, bringing about 1500 tons of original home cargo with her for this port. She was brought out to Australia by Captain N. Bannatyne, who handed her over to her owners in splendid order. Her special line is cargo; indeed, she is a "cargo only" boat, her certificate showing accommodation for but 11 passengers. She has been brought round here by Captain J. Hansby, late of the Fiado, and for many years master in the Union Company's (N.Z.) employ. Some idea will be gathered of the capabilities of the vessel as a carrier when it is explained that her register is 2378 tons, and she can comfortably stow away below hatches 3800 tons of coal, and this on a draught not exceeding 22ft. The Era was constructed by Messrs. Edward Withy and Co., of West Hartlepool, to the order of Messrs. Wm. Howard Smith and Sons, of Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, and Brisbane, and was launched on the 6th of last September. This is the second vessel of a similar type the builders have constructed for this firm within the last twelve months, the s. Age, which arrived here, also direct from the builders' hands on the 8th of April last, being the first, and has been doing excellent service since. The Era, however, is better fitted up than the Age in many respects. She has a chart room on the upper bridge deck with a door opening aft, and no matter how much water may be shipped that place is always secure. Immediately abaft this house is a Davis patent steering apparatus, which is reckoned the best, being perfectly noiseless. Again, on the tiller chains (which may be considered a small item) are relieving springs without a patent, but which are so good that no matter what the sea may be there is not the slightest vibration on the rudder head, and therefore writing may be carried on aft in the cabins with perfect freedom in the heaviest gales. The cabins for captain and officers are in the poop, and are all that can be desired, being not only roomy and well ventilated, but elegantly fitted up, the saloon being tastefully decorated with highly polished bulkheads having hand-painted panels, done by the decorative staff of ladies employed by the builders, they beautifully representing English flowers and shrubs. The vessel is built throughout of Siemen's Martin steel, and is of the following dimensions:—Length, 299.20ft.; beam, 38.50ft.; and depth of hold, 20.70ft., which gives the tonnage as 1550 net and 2378 gross, with a 4222 tons carrying capacity. She has a long raised quarter deck, short poop, long bridge deck, and topgallant forecastle. The holds are fitted with iron grain divisions and cargo battens; all decks, deck erections, skylights, bulwarks, bulkheads, &c., are constructed of steel. The vessel is built on the web frame system, which gives a very strong type of ship, and dispenses with all hold beams, thereby enabling her to carry cargo of the bulkiest description. She has a cellular bottom, fitted fore and aft for water ballast. The after peak is also available for water ballast. The greater portion of the plates are in 24ft. lengths, making the structure of the ship very strong. On deck are four immense hatchways with high combings, and she has four steam winches, besides all other modern appliances for the taking in and putting out of cargo; also a steam windlass and stockless anchors, hawling up direct into the hawse pipes, thereby doing away with fishing and catting. The vessel is rigged as a schooner, and under favourable circumstances can do her 11 knots, but her effective steaming power is 10 knots on 15 tons of fuel per day. The engines are by the Central Marine Engineering Company, of West Hartlepool, and are on the triple expansion principle, the cylinders being 23in., 36½in., and 62in., with a 39in. stroke. The boilers are two large single-ended ones, with a working pressure of 150lb. per square inch. Taken all in all, the Era is a splendid cargo carrying vessel, and cannot fail to do well as such, no expense having been spared to make everything good and dovetail together. As a sea boat she had one or two severe tests, and answered admirably.

THE CHANGSHA.

The China Navigation Company's steamer Changsha was berthed at once at the company's wharf yesterday directly upon her arrival. She left Hongkong November 26, and Foochow December 1, experiencing strong N.E. monsoons across the China Sea. She touched at Port Darwin on the 1st current, and landed cargo and passengers, also called at Thursday Island, Cooktown, and Brisbane, the weather throughout being beautifully fine. Since she was last here a complete change has taken place in her officers. The ship is, however, a perfect picture of cleanliness, tastefulness, and good order, a credit to her chief officer and his subordinates. Captain J. E. Williams still has command, and with him are Mr. Harder, chief, and Mr. Dawson, second deck officers. Mr. Harder was transferred from the Tsinan this voyage. The chief engineer is Mr. Carnie, formerly in the Soochow. Reference is made elsewhere to several other changes in the company's steamers. On the present voyage, it may be remembered, an attack of rather a serious character was made upon Mr. Wallace, the purser and chief steward of the Changsha. Mr. Wallace is reported to have recovered from the effects of the outrage, which it may be mentioned was perpetrated by the "boys" under his control, and employed in his department on board. Particulars have already appeared of the affair. The Changsha brings a large cargo and a fair number of passengers. She will get away probably on Saturday next for Melbourne.

NEWCASTLE FREIGHTS.

The following are the latest quotations to hand from Newcastle for coal freights, Newcastle loading:—Hongkong, 18s; Manila, 17s 6d; Ilo Ilo, 17s 6d; Java, 18s; Singapore, 16s; Honolulu, 22s; San Francisco, 18s; San Diego, 19s; Wilmington, 21s; Haiphong, 19s; Saigon, 17s; Bankok, 17s 6d; Mauritius, 17s; Guayaquil, 25s; Guaymas, 25s; Amboyna, 21s; Kahului and Tahiti, nominal.

THE GULF OF GUINEA.

To-morrow the new acquisition to the Gulf fleet of Australian trading steamers is due here from London via ports. The steamer left London on October 17, and has called at Teneriffe, the Cape of Good Hope November 17, Adelaide December 12, and Melbourne December 25. She is reported to be fitted up in the most sumptuous style for about 30 passengers; has the electric light and the very latest improvements known to marine architecture.

PASS OF BALMAHA.

In connection with the visit here of this new ship it should be mentioned that she registers 1499 tons net, and is calculated to carry 2550 tons deadweight. She is built to carry bulk of the best possible material, namely, mild steel, not alone the hull, but in masts and rigging. Her owners are Messrs. Gibson and Clarke, of Glasgow, and she was launched last July by Messrs. Robert Duncan and Co. on the Clyde. Amongst other of the latest improvements to be found on board are the patent topsail and topgallantsail winches, the same as those on board the new four-masted ship Buteshire. A portion of the Pass of Balmaha's cargo is for Newcastle.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

Newcastle.—Arrivals: December 26, Namoi (s.), Sydney (s.), Elingamite (s.), Buninyong (s.), Thurso, barque, from Sydney. Departures: Fiado (s.), for Melbourne; Sara Pile, schooner, for Gisborne; Bannockburn, schooner, for Richmond River; Northern Empire, ship, for Manila with 1353 tons coal; Namoi (s.), Sydney (s.), Susie, schooner, for Sydney.

Melbourne.—Arrivals: December 25, Pateena (s.), from Launceston; Mary Wadley, schooner, from Hobart. Departures: December 25, Ceylon, barque, for Hamelin Harbour; Gulf of Guinea, for Sydney.

(FROM THE BOARD AT TELEGRAPH OFFICE.)

Richmond Heads.—Arrivals: December 25, Bellinger (s.) and Queen of the South (s.), off the bar. Departures: December 25, Annie Moore, at 12.45 p.m.; Wyrallah (s.) at 2 p.m., for Melbourne.

Macleay Heads.—Arrival: December 25, Avon (s.), put in weather-bound.

Port Macquarie.—Departures: December 25, Avon (s.), at 1 a.m.; Julius Vogel, at 12.15 p.m., for Sydney; Catherine (s.), at 9.15 a.m., Barcoo (s.), at 9.30 a.m., north.

Manning Heads.—Arrival: December 25, Rosedale (s.), at 2.30 p.m. Departure: December 25, Active, ketch, at 10 a.m.

Crowdy Head.—Passed: December 25, one of Burns, Philp's steamers, at 4.45 p.m., south; and a steamer at 8 a.m., north.

Seal Rocks.—Passed: December 25, Tomki (s.), 7.35 a.m., north; a man-of-war, barque-rigged, at 2 p.m., south.

Moruya Heads.—Passed: December 25, a ship at 7 a.m., bound south.

Eden.—Departure: December 25, Allowrie (s.), at 8 a.m., for Sydney.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Tuesday Evening.

To-day being Christmas Day business was entirely suspended.

The shipping arrivals to-day included the Salier (s.), from Bremen, with 600 tons general cargo; the Era (s.), from London, with 1500 tons general cargo; and the Changsha (s.), from Hongkong, with tea, rice, sugar, and other eastern produce.

The returns of British foreign trade issued by the Board of Trade contain some interesting figures, which show its direction and extent during the first nine months of the current year, as compared with the corresponding period in the previous year. The totals are as follows:—

Nine Months Ended September 30.

—	1888.	1887.	Inc. in 1888.
Imports from—			
Foreign countries ...	£212,910,000	£200,011,000	£12,899,000
British possessions	65,822,000	64,616,000	1,206,000
Total	£278,732,000	£264,627,000	£14,105,000
Exports to—			
Foreign countries ...	£112,044,000	£107,793,000	£4,251,000
British possessions	62,187,000	55,305,000	6,882,000
Total	£174,231,000	£163,098,000	£11,133,000

As regards the imports from foreign countries, it may be noted (says the *Economist*), first, that imports from the United States show a decrease of nearly 4½ millions in value, owing mainly to the much smaller purchases of cereals. On the other hand, the much larger imports of cereals from Russia are the main cause of the increase of nearly 7½ millions in the value of the imports from that country. In the imports from most other continental countries there is also an increase, especially in the case of Germany. A feature is the increase in British imports from Peru, Chili, and the Argentine Republic. As regards the imports from British possessions, those from India amounted to £22,825,000, against £23,327,000 in 1887, being a small decrease, which is more than accounted for by the falling off in the wheat trade. On the other hand, the imports from Australasia increased from £19,117,000 to £20,588,000. There is a considerable decrease in the case of Canada, but the West Indies show an increase. Turning to the exports, there has been a much greater expansion in those to the colonies than in those to foreign countries. This is mainly due to the marked expansion in the Australian trade, the total having increased from £14,068,000 in 1887 to £18,754,000 in 1888, owing mainly to the larger business transacted with New South Wales and Victoria.

MAILS.

THIS DAY.

Melbourne, 9 a.m.
Adelaide, 9 a.m.
Hobart and Launceston, 9 a.m.
Queensland, 9 a.m.
Ulladulla, Merimbula, and Eden, 9 a.m.
Brisbane and Northern Ports, 9 a.m.
Tonga and Samoa, 9 a.m.
Auckland and all N.Z. Ports, Navigators' Islands, Raratonga, Honolulu, Tahiti, San Francisco, United States of America, Canada, United Kingdom, and Continent of Europe, U.S.S. Alameda, 10 a.m.

THURSDAY.

Launceston and Hobart, 9 a.m.
Brisbane and Northern Ports, 9 a.m.
Hobart and Launceston, via Eden, 11 a.m.
Perth (W. A.), India, and Continent of Europe, overland to Melbourne, and thence per P. and O. Company's steamer Parramatta, 2.30 p.m.
United Kingdom, overland to Melbourne, and thence per P. and O. Company's steamer Parramatta, 3 p.m.
Mauritius, Cape of Good Hope, United Kingdom, and Continent of Europe, overland to Melbourne, and thence per M. M. Company's steamer Oceanien, 3 p.m.

FRIDAY.

Ulladulla, and Clyde, 9 a.m.

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The Sydney Morning Herald.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1888.

The Imperial Parliament was prorogued on Christmas Eve.

The Hon. Riversdale Walrond has been appointed private secretary to the Earl of Onslow, the new Governor of New Zealand.

The Maori footballers defeated the South Wales players at Swansea by a goal and two tries to nil.

The death is announced of the Hon. Sir William Pollock, formerly Senior Master of the Supreme Court of Judicature.

Sir Henry Arthur Blake has been appointed Governor of Jamaica.

The Earl of Kintore, the new Governor of South Australia, sails for Adelaide early in March.

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His Holiness the Pope has asserted that the whole world recognises his painful situation. The rights of the Sovereign Pontiff were not hostile to, but in reality they would, if exercised, advance, the prosperity of Italy.

Early yesterday morning the Wentworth House family hotel, in Church-hill, and all its contents, were destroyed by fire. The damage is estimated at £4000.

The saddest feature of the fire is that two young men, named Armstrong and Caulfield, were killed by falling from the roof while endeavouring to escape from the flames. There were several narrow escapes, and one gallant rescue.

In Sydney, and favoured by beautiful weather, Christmas was observed as usual. Throughout the day there were services at the churches, and in the evening sacred concerts were given at most of the places of amusement.

Owing to the death of Lady Willoughby D'Eresby, his mother's sister, his Excellency Lord Carrington will not attend the races to-day, nor the Theatre Royal this evening.

The body of a man who was killed by the Glebe tram late on Christmas Eve lies at the South Sydney Morgue awaiting identification.

Messrs. Chandler and Jackson, who recently assisted the Kiama pilot to save the steamer Ajax from foundering, have been rewarded by the Marine Board with the sum of 20s. each.

Christmas was celebrated in Melbourne by the holding of the usual services in the various churches. The Salvation Army gave a free Christmas dinner to the needy.

A reply from Mr. Copeland to what he describes as a violent attack made by this journal upon the honour and political honesty of the majority of the Select Committee which reported on Friday with regard to the Hornsby and Holt-Sutherland roads is published elsewhere. Mr. Copeland's sensitiveness has caused him to place an incorrect interpretation upon the article which he criticises. No reflection was made on the honour and political honesty of the committee, or any members of it. The statement made was that the committee, influenced by political feeling, had placed before Parliament a condemnatory report on incomplete evidence, and Mr. Copeland's letter is a practical admission of the fact. It is all very well for the hon. member to say that the committee had held many sittings and had examined numerous witnesses, and had got together all the evidence that was procurable, and that the time was ripe for reporting. A great deal of evidence was certainly taken, and the committee had plenty of material upon which to found a progress report. But the deliverance of the committee was not a progress report in the ordinary sense, it was, practically, a final report, and it was made with the knowledge that evidence of the highest importance had been excluded. Mr. Copeland may point to a long list of witnesses and to a great mass of evidence, but what is the value of it all if material testimony has been rejected? It is established by the papers printed in the case, that the committee refused altogether to take the evidence of Mr. Bennett, chief engineer for roads, and Mr. Gregg (of Richardson and Wrench), while they declined to rehear Mr. Withers and Mr. Dawson, (Mr. Burns' surveyor). Now, the evidence which Mr. Bennett and Mr. Withers had to give was of a vital character. The former had reported as a responsible Government official that the making of the Hornsby roads were necessary; and on what grounds the committee refused to examine him we are at a loss to conceive. He should have been one of the first witnesses called. Mr. Copeland says that Mr. Bennett was not examined because the committee had his report amongst the papers; but if the report proves one thing more than another it is the desirableness of examining Mr. Bennett as a witness. It was grossly unfair to the Government and the Casual Labour Board to exclude his testimony. With regard to Mr. Withers, he gave evidence, upon which one of the strongest paragraphs in the report is based, under a complete misapprehension, and when he was asked to be allowed to set himself right, his mouth was closed. This act of injustice cannot possibly be explained away.

Mr. Copeland tries to justify the action of the committee on another ground. He asks:—"Were we to let the prorogation take place without bringing up a report which was practically completed as far as Hornsby and Holt-Sutherland were concerned, and was only termed a progress report because the inquiry had not included 'the other private properties,' or were we to let the session close and thereby annihilate the committee and all its labours, while we hushed up the result of this inquiry, and allowed this immaculate Casual Labour Board to dispense their favours at the public expense for another five or six months before Parliament should again meet, when, judging by the temper displayed by Government supporters last Friday, I venture to think no other, or a much more pliant committee would have been appointed?" Leaving the supporters of the Government to deal with the gratuitous insult conveyed in this question, we may point out that the committee might easily have brought up a progress report which would have protected the public interests without doing injustice to anyone. When the draft report was under consideration Mr. M'Millan moved as an amendment that the chief portion be omitted, with the view of inserting this paragraph:—"That in view of the evidence taken before your committee, they recommend to the Government that the Casual Labour Board be informed that it is undesirable in the interest of the public that the labour of the unemployed should be further utilised, except in the improvement of the public estate." If the report had been adopted in this shape, the public interest would have been protected, and the risk of doing injustice to individuals would have been avoided. Mr. Copeland pointed out that as Parliament has not been prorogued and the report is only a progress one, the additional evidence can now be taken; but this does not alter the facts. The committee brought up, under the impression that the prorogation of Parliament was imminent, a report which under the circumstances as they conceived them, was practically a complete one, and with the full knowledge of all that, they rejected evidence of a material kind. The unfairness of this course is so palpable that nothing more need be said on the subject.

Mr. Copeland may not desire to mislead the public, but he certainly does mislead when he says that "there were four Government supporters on the committee, including one of the present Ministers." What does this mean? If it is intended to convey that the Government supporters approved of the report or the exclusion of material evidence, the statement is very misleading. The official report of the proceedings shows that Mr. Carruthers, Mr. M'Millan, Mr. Street and Mr. Brunker voted for the amendment limiting the application of the report, and also for rehearing Mr. Withers, while the Opposition members all voted on the other side. In both cases the casting vote of the Chairman decided the question. "The majority" is therefore brought down to the Chairman, who is Mr. Thomas Walker. It was the casting vote which prevented Mr. Withers from making an explanation which would have materially altered his testimony; it was the casting vote which prevented the report from being kept within the limits suggested by Mr. M'Millan, and caused it to be printed as it stands. Under these circumstances is it too much to say that political considerations have not been altogether absent from the inquiry? All that we have endeavoured to show is that there has been political animus in the affair, and the more it is looked into the more distinct does the animus become. We do not mean to say that because there is political animus there is nothing in the case. Upon that point we have expressed no opinion nor do we see how any final decision can be arrived at until the facts which have yet to be stated, as well as those which have already been furnished, are made public.

The projected creation of a flour "trust" suggests considerations which are of moment to all classes in the community. While the "cornering" of speculators is confined to products or articles of consumption of comparatively small value, public interest in the movement is not strong. There has been some protest against the "trust" formed to control the output and sale of salt. But salt, though an article of general consumption, is of comparatively little value, and its cost to a family forms one of the smallest items in the weekly bill. The "trust" has already raised the price, but the effect will hardly be apparent unless the combination becomes excessively grasping. With an article such as flour, however, the cost of which constitutes the most important item in a British workman's food bill, the operations of a "trust" would very speedily be manifest. The raising of the price by a combination such as the Salt Union or the Copper Syndicate, which is controlling the price of salt and copper, would very speedily produce results that would be felt in the home of every poor man in the flour-consuming countries of the world. We may, therefore, hope that the project will not be successful.

The possibility, however, of controlling the world's production and price of wheat is open to question. The copper syndicate requires something like £7,000,000 to carry on its work. A flour "trust" would require vastly more. If its scope were equally extensive, and to be effective that would be necessary, the amount of capital required would be very large indeed. The world's production of wheat is, in round figures, about 2,000,000,000 bushels, valued at present prices at over £400,000,000. Whether any combination rich enough and clever enough to "corner" such a trade would be possible is open to doubt. If the progress of affairs is throwing into the hands of speculators—the Rothschilds, the Vanderbilts, and the Jay Goulds of the world, such immense sums of money that they can carry out wide-reaching schemes to harass the great masses of the human race, the day will assuredly come when legislation will be framed to curtail their operations. Leading economists have shown us that on the whole, while there has been concentration of great wealth in the hands of a few, there has concurrently been a greater diffusion of wealth and the means of comfort all round. Any concerted movement, such as a flour trust, which would tend to make the rich richer at the expense of the poor or less wealthy members of the community, will most assuredly be defeated. The world by some means, will overthrow the avaricious schemes of those who seek to get an undue share of the fruits of human industry.

If the proposed flour "trust" regulated its operations so as to give a portion of the benefit to the producers, possibly Australia as a whole would not suffer by the combination. The copper syndicate, which has raised the price of copper from £40 per ton to £80 per ton, while prejudicing the general consumers of the world, on the whole confers a benefit on this country. Australian copper producers receiving £20 to £30 of the advance in price obtain considerably more by the operations of the syndicate than is lost by Australian consumers, who have to pay more for the articles manufactured wholly or in part of copper. If the flour trust permitted the wheat-growers to share in the enhanced prices, and the operations as to the sale of flour were confined to Europe, possibly Australia as an exporter might benefit rather than suffer. On this point, however, the balancing of advantages would require a wide survey of the world's conditions. A dear loaf in England and Europe would be felt in every country which received their manufactures. Any measure of gain or loss which the producing country of a syndicated product would derive would be a very nice calculation. But commercial policy should rest on much higher grounds.

Conducted on philanthropic principles, we can imagine a flour "trust" whose operations would be beneficial to the human race. Although the world year by year produces a tolerably even quantity of wheat with remarkable regularity, small crops in some places being compensated for by large ones in others, still the commerce of the past ten years shows that the production is not subject to such controlling influences as might be beneficially exercised. For instance, the immense surpluses of 1885 might have been obviated to the benefit of the growers had a better knowledge of the actual requirements of the world been possessed. Any well-informed "trust" would have advised the American or Australian farmer to sow less wheat and to direct his energies in other directions. Recognising as a starting-point the fact that, owing to the different conditions of climate on the globe, the crops as a whole will come out with an almost unvarying average, such a "trust," if imbued only with a desire to check over-production, which leads to waste and objectionable fluctuations in price, would obviously serve the world; but no one imagines that any such humane motive prompts the promoters of the proposed "trust." Their interest is for themselves, and against the world. The hands of a flour "trust" are against every man, and every man's hand will be against it.

If, however, the motives of the various trade "trusts" now in existence are not of an exalted character, it is said by those concerned that they control prices in the interests of producers, and, by reason of the greater regularity, in the interests of consumers also. That is the plea which is put forward in their favour; and therefore it is said why not accept their existence, as it is on the whole beneficial. Now in the first place, they do not control prices in a reasonable manner. Who could say that the raising of the price of copper from £40 to £80 within a few months is a reasonable thing? The price of salt has advanced 20 to 25 per cent. since the creation of the "trust." The petroleum "trust" in America in one year raised the price of crude petroleum by 12½ cents, or by 17 per cent. The Shipping Union which regulates the Anglo-Australian freights within a few months has increased them 100 per cent. While possibly the prices of some of the commodities or services were pushed too low by excessive competition, there is too much reason to fear that they have been raised too high by the syndicates, who will reap the bulk of the profits of the excess. And in the second place, the prices are likely to be as irregular as they are high, for to the natural conditions which cause fluctuations in price is to be added the artificial one which requires change when competing interests come in. If the "trusts" are to be a feature of the future, and if their operation is to be beneficial, they certainly should be subject to regulations against undue exactions. The Companies Acts, and special Acts, control companies generally; in certain directions gas companies and tramway companies are subject to special laws. And if "trusts" with such huge objects in view are to have an existence, it will probably be found necessary to restrict their operations also, in order that they may not bear unduly or unfairly on the general public. Freedom of trade is a desirable thing; but uncontrolled "trusts" are a direct violation of such freedom. Any attempt to compete with them would be crushed out of existence. Therefore, if they are to be permitted, and any advantage they render is to be conserved without causing greater disadvantage, it will probably be found that their profits will have to be kept within reasonable proportions. Profit is the object of their creation. The salt "trust" already promises its shareholders dividends of at least 20 per cent.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

His Excellency the Governor, who is now at his country residence at Sutton Forest, has received intelligence of the death of his mother's sister, Lady Willoughby D'Eresby. This will prevent his presence at the races and at the Theatre Royal to-night.

Mr. Squier, the local superintendent of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company, has supplied the following information respecting the cable from Java to Western Australia:—"On the 14th November the manufacture of the Java and West Australia cable was completed. I have been advised that it would be shipped immediately in the Telegraph Construction and Maintenance Company's steamship Seine, which would sail from Greenwich this month. The landing place in West Australia was not then fixed, but it will probably be a little to the north of Roebuck Bay, opposite the township of Broome. It is expected that this third line of communication will be opened on February next, when, after all the trouble and expense the company have been put to, there ought to be a long immunity from interruption."

At St. Mary's Cathedral yesterday morning Mr. John T. Toohey and Mr. John F. Hughes, two well-known members of the Roman Catholic community, received from the hands of Cardinal Moran the insignia of the Order of St. Gregory, the first-named gentleman receiving the title of Commendatore, or Knight Com-

mander, and the latter that of K.S.G., or Knight of St. Gregory. The ceremony of investiture, which was of a private nature, took place in the Cardinal's sacristy. The Order of St. Gregory was instituted to reward laymen of the Roman Catholic Church, who are conspicuous for their charity or their services to religion, and in the present instance it is understood the decorations were obtained by Cardinal Moran while on his recent visit to the Pope.

THE Sydney Hospital report for the week ending 22nd December is as follows:—Admitted, 47 males, 19 females; discharged, 44 males, 16 females; died, 2 males, 3 females; remaining, 148 males, 77 females; casualties treated but not admitted, 693.

EUROPEAN CABLEGRAMS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

THE IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, DEC. 24.

The Imperial Parliament was prorogued to-day.

PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE EARL OF ONSLOW.

LONDON, DEC. 25.

The Hon. Riversdale Walrond has been appointed private secretary to the Earl of Onslow, the new Governor of New Zealand.

THE MAORI FOOTBALLERS.

LONDON, DEC. 25.

The Maori football team defeated the Swansea players by a goal and two tries to nil.

POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN BULGARIA.

LONDON, DEC. 25.

M. Salabachoff and M. Toutcheff (President of the Sobranje) have been appointed members of the Bulgarian Ministry.

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The Russian Consul at Malta has been placed under arrest in connection with the affair.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

REPORTED ALLIANCE AGAINST ENGLAND.

[BY CABLE.]

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[BY CABLE.]

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SIR HENRY BLAKE.

APPOINTED GOVERNOR OF JAMAICA.

[BY CABLE.]

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, DEC. 25.

Sir Henry Arthur Blake, late Governor of Newfoundland, has been appointed Governor of Jamaica.

DEATH OF SIR FREDERICK POLLOCK.

[BY CABLE.]

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, DEC. 24.

The death is announced of Sir Frederick Pollock, formerly Senior Master of the Supreme Court of Judicature.

[Sir William Frederick Pollock, Bart. (according to *Men of the Time*), was born in London in 1815. He was the eldest son of the Right Hon. Lord Chief Baron Pollock, and was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, of which he was a scholar (B.A. degree 1836, M.A. 1840). He was called to the Bar at the Inner Temple in 1838, and went the Northern Circuit. He was appointed a Master of the Court of Exchequer in 1846, and Queen's Remembrancer in 1874, and became Senior Master of the Supreme Court of Judicature upon the coming into operation of the Judicature Acts. He resigned his offices in 1886. Sir Frederick Pollock was president of the Equitable Assurance Society, and vice-president of the Literary Fund, and was honorary secretary to the Society of Dilettanti, and had for many years been constantly a manager of the Royal Institution. Sir Frederick's translation of Dante's "Divine Comedy," in blank verse, and line for line with the original, appeared in 1854. "Macready's Reminiscences" were edited by him in 1875. He contributed to the *Quarterly* and *Edinburgh Reviews*, to *Fraser's Magazine*, to the *Fortnightly* and *Nineteenth Century*, and other periodicals. Sir Frederick married, in 1844, Juliet, daughter of the Rev. H. Creed, Vicar of Corse, Gloucestershire, and niece of the Right Hon. J. C. Herries. He succeeded his father as second baronet in 1870.]

SLEEP, GENTLE SLEEP.

A good night's rest is always obtainable by taking before going to bed a wineglass or two of that brain-soothing and nerve-strengthening elixir, Wolfe's Schnapps.—[ADVT.]

CHRISTMAS DAY.

The time-honoured festival of Christmas was observed yesterday with all the solemnities that usually surround the day in Sydney. Business was entirely suspended, and by far the bulk of the community observed the day rather as a holy day than as a holiday in the ordinary sense of the term. The weather was simply delightful, for although the sun shone brightly the cool breeze tempered the heat and made locomotion enjoyable. As far as could be seen the day was made one of sober and quiet rejoicing, and was especially devoted to family gatherings and social reunions.

THE CHURCHES.

Special Christmas services were held yesterday morning and afternoon at churches in the city and suburbs connected with the Anglican and other communions. At St. Andrew's Cathedral the congregations on both occasions were very large. The altar had been appropriately decorated with flowers and floral emblems; but that was the only part of the building which had more than its customary adornment. The sermon at the morning service was based upon the passage, "I bring you glad tidings of great joy," and was preached by the Primate. Mr. Montague Younger presided at the organ, and played as an introductory voluntary selections from Handel's "Messiah," consisting of the Pastoral Symphony, "There were Shepherds," "And Lo, the Angel," "And the Angel said," "And suddenly," and "Glory to God in the Highest." The Te Deum was sung to Sullivan in D, and the Athanasian Creed was taken to Goss in G. The Anthem was "Arise! shine, for thy Light has come" (Elvey). The Kyrie Eleison was Tours. The Nicene Creed and the Choral Communion were taken to Tours in F. The hymns were "Hark, the herald angels sing" and "Angels from the realms of glory." The concluding voluntary was "Oh, Thou that tellest glad tidings." In the evening a carol service (at which the Rev. Canon Kemmis preached) was held. The carols were "What child is this?" "In Dulce Jubilo," "All my heart this night rejoices," "At Christmas all true Christians sing," "Christ was born on Christmas Day," the hymn "Lo, within a manger lies" (sung as a treble solo), and "The first Nowel." At Christ Church there was a full choral celebration (with procession) in the morning, and a carol service in the evening, at which the Primate preached.

Two special services were also held at the William-street Wesleyan Church. In the morning addresses were given by the Rev. A. J. Clark and the Rev. W. G. Taylor, and the choir sang the following anthems:—"Arise! shine, for Thy Light has come" (Elvey), "Lift up your heads" (Hopkins), "Sing, O Heavens" (B. Tours), "Thus speaketh the Lord of Hosts" (Stainer). At the evening service the Rev. W. G. Taylor gave a lecture on "The rise of the great forward movement in connection with British Methodism," and the President of the Conference (Rev. George Lane), delivered an address on "Church work in New South Wales."

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL.

Cardinal Moran presided at the High Mass in St. Mary's Cathedral, of which the Rev. B. M'Donnell was the celebrant, and the Revs. J. Byrne and M. Glasheen, the deacon, and sub-deacon. Besides the ordinary ornamentation of the High Altar, the sanctuary pillars, the rails, the cardinal's throne, and the pulpit were decorated with flowers and sprigs of green gracefully worked into wreaths and festoons, and the bright decorations imparted a cheerful element of picturesqueness to the interior of the building. From the wealth of Mass music which is at the command of the choir, Mozart's Twelfth was selected, and for such an an occasion perhaps no better choice could be made, the spirit of the music being in complete harmony with the nature of the festival. With the exception of a few unnecessary pages of the extremely long though singularly beautiful Benedictus, the work was given completely in a double sense. Mr. J. A. Delany conducted, and the solo parts in the mass, as well as in the "Adeste Fidelis" given at the offertory, were sung by Madame Merz, Mrs. F. J. Riley, Mr. P. Barrett, Mr. James Hinchy, Miss Stafford, and Mr. W. P. O'Halloran. Both the principals and chorus were under obligations to Mr. Neville Barnett, the organist, who played throughout with great spirit, while the band of stringed and reed instruments, with Mr. W. Rice as leader, which had been specially engaged, was particularly useful in lending strength and massiveness to the chorus parts. The service was brought to a conclusion with a brilliant rendering of Zingarelli's "Laudate," with tenor solo, and the full strength of chorus, organ, and band. The Christmas sermon was preached by Cardinal Moran.

At St. Patrick's R. C. Church the Rev. Father Giniity, S.M., was the celebrant of the high mass, and the Very Rev. Dr. Watters, S.M., of New Zealand, the preacher. The musical service was remarkably fine, Haydn's 6th Mass being most effectively given by a choir of 40 voices with accompaniment supplied by the organ, at which Herr Hugo Alpen presided, and an orchestra of 13 players, led by Mr. Engarde. Mr. Frank Brewer conducted, and also shared the tenor solos with Mr. J. Thompson Brown; Miss E. A. Moon, Mrs. Banks, and Mr. D. Clancy were the other principals. The full orchestral scores were, we understand, specially procured from Europe for the occasion. At the Offertory the Christmas hymn, "Adeste Fidelis," was sung, and the music concluded with Handel's "Hallelujah." In the evening the congregation was about as large as that in the morning: and besides the usual vespers and hymns Alpen's "O, Salutaris" was sung by Miss Moon, and Gounod's "Nazareth" by Mr. J. T. Donovan.

PLYMOUTH BRETHREN.

A meeting was held at the School of Arts, Ashfield, yesterday, by the members of the order of Plymouth Brethren. Service was conducted in the forenoon, after which dinner was partaken of by upwards of 100 persons. In the evening tea was served, and addresses were given by several of the leading brethren.

ENTERTAINMENT AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH, LIVERPOOL-STREET.

A miscellaneous entertainment was last night given in the Unitarian Church, Liverpool-street. The promoters of the gathering had two objects in view—one to provide an appropriate entertainment for Christmas night, and the other to enable Mr. A. Gehde to disclose to the full the capabilities of the organ recently built by Messrs. W. E. Richardson and Sons, of London, Manchester, and Sydney. The dual desire was admirably attained. The rendering of the six selections by Mr. Gehde were those of a master of the organ. The numbers he chose included compositions of his own, Schumann, Fliege, Rink, and Gounod. The pieces represented diverse styles of instrumentation, but in the treatment of each Mr. Gehde was equally successful. The Rev. G. Walters gave a reading from Dickens's "Christmas Carol," also "The New Church Organ;" and he delivered a short lecture, in which he sought to prove the association of pagan rites in the festival of Christmas. Taking the Gospels as his key, he questioned the date, December 25, as being the time of the birth of Jesus Christ. Mr. C. Hill gave a pleasing rendering of the solo "Star of Bethlehem," Mrs. Parkinson sang "Far Away" in a manner which won for her liberal applause, and Mr. Evans, in a song "Lady of Night," roused the enthusiasm of the audience by the effective way in which he exerted his pleasing voice.

RANDWICK ASYLUM.

Christmas Day at the Randwick Asylum will not very readily be forgotten. Through the kindness of the house committee every arrangement was made for the whole of the inmates to thoroughly enjoy themselves, and the superintendent (Mr. Coulter) and the matron (Miss Wardle), together with all the officers of the institution, did everything that it was possible to do to make the children successfully participate in the festivities of the season. The large dining-room was very tastefully decorated—"Welcome," "A Merry Christmas to you all," bannerettes, and numerous other decorations, were conspicuous in almost every part of the room, and shortly after noon the children sat down to tables bountifully supplied with plum pudding, roast beef, fruit, gingerbeer, lemon syrup, confectionery, &c. The sight at the main building and the Catherine Hayes Hospital was very pleasing and animating, and, it need hardly be said, full justice was done to the good things provided. It may be mentioned that each child was supplied with a Christmas card, through the kindness of Messrs. Myers and Solomon. Mr. James Stedman gave confectionery, Mr. James Brierly, cake; Messrs. Kendall and Sons, biscuits; and Miss Hassell, pillow letters—all of which were thankfully acknowledged and very much appreciated. In the afternoon the children visited the recreation grounds, and as the house committee provided them with suitable materials for outdoor amusement, they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. All looked remarkably healthy and happy.

CITY NIGHT REFUGE AND SOUP KITCHEN.

Under the auspices of the City Night Refuge and Soup Kitchen, 288 of the poor of the city were provided with a dinner of roast beef, potatoes, pudding, and ginger ale. The committee of management are deeply sensible of the kindness of the friends who helped on the occasion, especially Messrs. Starkey, Messrs. Saywell and Co., Messrs. Feldheim, Gotthelf, Heyde, Todman, Eggers and Bartlett, Hardman Bros. The dining-room was tastefully decorated by lady friends, assisted by the staff of the establishment, and a thorough good old English cheer was given by the poor folks when they sat down to dinner. A quantity of tobacco, matches, and pipes were afterwards distributed amongst them.

PRINCE ALFRED HOSPITAL.

An interesting feature in connection with the celebration of Christmas tide this year is the introduction of a system of children's Christmas gifts at Prince Alfred Hospital. Finding that Christmas trees in the wards excited and disturbed the patients the directors determined early in the year to institute a scheme by which each patient should receive a present, each such gift to be provided by a child. The scheme, on being explained to the friends of the institution, was warmly taken up. For months past many little ones have been saving their pennies and sixpences to make suitable purchases, while others have been industriously labouring to make their child offerings useful and acceptable. It was a part of the plan that children should either bring their presents themselves to the patients on Christmas Eve, or send them on that day. The afternoon of Monday was therefore a busy time at the hospital. As they arrived the little ones were shown to the special ward they had selected, and boxes and parcels containing gifts arrived in large numbers. Willing hands received all and sorted the gifts, so that each might be given on Christmas morning to the patient for whom it was provided. Children's gifts were received from the children of Lady Carrington, Mrs. Edward Knox, Mrs. Alick Osborne, Mrs. C. J. Manning, Mrs. Lumsdaine, Mrs. M'Donald, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. King, Mrs. Alfred Stephen, Mrs. W. O. Gilchrist, Mrs. Philp, Mrs. Scobel; also 50 from the pupils of the Clergy Daughters' School, Waverley, and 137 collected by Miss James. In addition to these, a large case of toys was received from Mr. C. von Hagen, of Newtown; a collection of presents, toys, and books from Miss Crook, of Missenden-road; and a box of gifts from Miss Walker, of Concord. The daughters of Mrs. Alick Osborne sent, in addition to gifts for 10 patients, a choice present for each of the nurses on the staff. Visitors to the institution were struck with the neatness and order of the grounds and the well-kept garden beds, with their abundance of flowers. The wards were all simply but tastefully decorated, the designs of each being different from the others. As no funds were available for ornamentation, the sisters and nurses were thrown upon their own resources for labour and material.

SYDNEY PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.—"THE MESSIAH."

The Sydney Philharmonic Society gave their final concert of the year last night at the Exhibition Building, the chosen work being as usual Handel's "Messiah." Though the building was by no means full, there was a very large audience present, and they seemed disposed to bestow their approbation of the efforts of the performers very liberally, even though not always wisely. The chorus was large, numbering over 200 ladies and gentlemen, besides nearly 50 boys. The orchestra numbered some 60 performers, of whom M. Poussard took the lead as first violin. The soloists were Miss Colbourne-Baber, Miss Josephine O'Reilly, Mr. Parkinson, and Mr. Hallewell, Mons. Kowalski being conductor. The chorus sang generally well and firmly, and emitted a good body of tone. The "Hallelujah Chorus" was given with grand effect, though full fast in respect of tempo, and the singing was generally steady in such as "And the glory of the Lord," "For unto us a child is born," and "Glory to God in the highest." In the fugual movements like "And with his stripes," and "He trusted in God," there was less certainty of attack; and "He shall purify" was far from successful. The boys' voices referred to were the reverse of satisfactory, being quite uncultivated, so that though the boys knew their parts fairly well they produced a quality of sound which was almost painful in contrast to the rest of the chorus. This was worst in "For unto us," and hence one hardly knows whether to be more surprised at the audience for desiring its repetition, or at the conductor for staying the progress of the oratorio to accede to the desire. In other ways, however, the choruses were a distinct improvement upon the rendering given last year, for the tempo much more closely approximated such as represents the received idea of this great work. The orchestra played well in all the broad effects, and if a little more attention had been given to the conductor they would probably have done equally well in the more delicate parts, instead of, as was so often the case, failing to agree with him just where unanimity was most essential, and where departure therefrom was most noticeable, as in the *ritardandi* and at the "closes" of the different sections. Of the soloists the best was certainly Mr. Hallewell, who not only finds in oratorios of this class that sort of vocal music best suited to his own style of singing, but who has the great advantage of knowing exactly how his part should be rendered. His "Why do the Nations" was a great treat, and so also was "For He is like a refiner's fire" so far as his singing was concerned, but in the slow movement of this ("But who may abide") a careless flautist introduced effects "in canon," which do not appear in the score. But all the bass solos were admirably sung, and on the whole well interpreted by all concerned. Mr. Parkinson was also generally successful in the tenor music. In particular, "Thy rebuke hath broken his heart" was sung with real pathos, and though there was a tendency to grow declamatory in the first part of "Behold, and see," the latter portion was again well sung. That such a solo as "Thou shalt break them" proved rather too much for a voice of Mr. Parkinson's calibre was not surprising, there being few tenors who can make a real success of it; but in "Comfort Ye" and "Every Valley" there were many points to admire, and much to enjoy. Miss Josephine O'Reilly seemed too nervous to do herself justice, and yet in "He shall feed His flock" one could not but appreciate her pure tone and clear enunciation, and hardly less so in "O, Thou that tellest." "He was despised" was her least successful solo, perhaps because the orchestra afforded less satisfactory accompaniment—this being the more likely, as this is the first occasion when we have heard Miss O'Reilly singing with the orchestra. Miss Colbourne-Baber was well heard in "Come unto me," and in "How beautiful are the feet," where her voice rang through the building clear and true. In other parts, however, Miss Baber was not altogether successful, for though her singing, as such, was all that could well be desired, she appeared to be not familiar with the requirements of oratorio. Thus, while the first portion of "Rejoice Greatly" was sung almost as a "bravura," the second section was given "adagio," which hardly recalled the old ideas of this grand solo. However, Miss Baber has not been very long before us as a singer, and her progress and improvement have been so surprisingly great hitherto, and particularly of late, that there can be no doubt that when she has had reasonable opportunity of adding the oratorio school to her other acquirements, she will not only do herself justice but be a great help in performances of this class. It was a great pity that in the various recitatives throughout the work (Mr. Hallewell's being the only exceptions) so little regard was paid to the conventional appoggiaturas which are absolutely essential to the music of the Handelian period. When it is mentioned that in the half-dozen lines of the "Christmas music," five of these were omitted; and as many as four in the single line of "He was cut off," it will be evident how serious an alteration of the musical effect must have resulted from the disregard of this point. However, in many respects the performance of "Messiah" was better than that of last year; and as it seems almost hopeless to look for perfection here, we must try to be satisfied with progress.

PROMENADE CONCERT.

A promenade concert was given last evening (Christmas night) at the Crystal Palace Rink, in York-street, and was fairly well patronised. The programme, which had been carefully compiled, was of a semi-sacred character. The opening number, the overture "Kyrie and Gloria," from Mozart's 12th Mass, was capitally performed by the band of the 2nd Regiment, under the leadership of Bandmaster H. M'Mahon. The recitative and chorus "Fixed in His everlasting seat," the grand march "Silver Trumpets," and the "Hallelujah Chorus" were also given by the band. Mr. Cadzow appeared in the solo "David singing before Saul," and gave a very creditable interpretation of the piece, although called upon at very short notice to supply the place of one of the performers who was somewhat late in arriving. Mrs. Mollier contributed two solos, "There is a green hill far away," and "Good-night, farewell," in a manner that met with the approval of the audience. The song, "Ecce Deus," was given by Mr. T. Rainford with very good effect, and at a subsequent period of the evening his rendition of "Nazareth" was well received. Miss Dora Wiley, who had been specially engaged, sang "With verdure clad" in a manner that elicited considerable applause, and her finished rendering of "Dreams" at a later stage of the programme was encored when in response she sang "The Swanny River," but her voice whilst singing this popular ballad was almost inaudible at only a short distance from the platform. Miss Clarice Brabazon gave two piano solos, "Tannhauser March" and "Grand Fantasia," in a clever manner. Mr. Cadzow, in the second part of the programme, was successful in his treatment of "Oh, Christmas Night." Miss Naylor acted as accompanist throughout. During the interval Professor Silvester displayed some prettily coloured effects on the jets of water emitted from the fountain in the centre of the building. The seventh concert will be given this evening.

THE CRITERION THEATRE.

A concert was given at the Criterion Theatre last night, arranged on an elaborate scale by Mons. Caron, who conducted a very fair orchestra of 16 performers, comprising six violins, two flutes, two clarionets, two cornets, the trombone, the 'cello, the double bass and drums. The feature of the concert rested with the selections from Rossini's grand opera "Mose in Egitto," the principals being Miss Elsa Sherwin, Miss Acton Blair, Mr. J. J. Hinchy, Mr. W. Gainor, Mr. J. Bede, Mr. F. England, and Mr. P. J. Barrett, who were supported by a small but effective chorus. The selections given were the overture, the bass solo "Ah dell'Empio," quartette, "Dio possenti, quartette and chorus, "La dolci aurora," duo, "Ah la puoi;" quintette, "Celeste placarto;" sestette, "Me manca la voce;" the duo, "Tutto sorrido;" "Parlar spiegar," the finale and prayer. The male voices completely drowned the four female voices, and tended to mar the effect considerably. Otherwise, the selections were satisfactorily sung, and the orchestra was well in the hand of Mons. Caron's able baton. Preceding "Mose in Egitto" the orchestra played an overture, "Festival," the composition of Mons. Caron, which was followed by a programme of sacred and secular music. Miss Dora de Vere was highly successful with "Alta Stella confidente" and "The Abbey," and received very warm applause; but the other numbers, "Heaven hath shed a tear," and "Across the Hills, Marie," sung by Mr. Perryman, and "Nazareth," and that beautiful sacred solo "Ecce Deus" allotted to Mr. Bede fell far short of expectations. Two of the Spanish students brought to the colony by Mr. Martin Simonsen, provided a rare treat for the audience with their guitars. Their first number was the overture from "Martha," which was delightfully played. The air de bravoure "Laplus Belle" was equally enjoyed, and in response to a double encore they gave a medley of light popular music which elicited enthusiastic approbation. The house was well filled.

THE GAIETY THEATRE.

A very good concert was given at the Gaiety Theatre last evening, and the ladies and gentlemen who performed are deserving of more than usual praise, because the audience was a very small one, numbering probably less than 50 persons. All the singers were favourably received, and their efforts to entertain were fittingly applauded. Miss Josephine Deakin sang with great sweetness and expression the aria, "Angels ever bright and fair" (Handel), and was recalled. She also rendered Tosti's song "Good-bye," and with equally good effect. Two songs—"At eventide" (Planquette), and "The song that reached my heart" (Jordan)—were contributed by Miss Tilly Salinger in a very pleasing manner, and Miss Emma Wangenheim was very successful in her "Numbers waiting" (Millard), and "In verdure clad" (Haydn). Mr. Percy Shannon was in fine voice, and was heard to great advantage both in the song "Good-bye, sweetheart" (Hatton), for which he was loudly applauded, and Wallace's tuneful song "Star of Love." Mr. Fred. England sang, "Hear the wild winds blow" (Mattei), and "A Soldier and a man," and gave general satisfaction. A concerted piece was rendered by Messrs. Carroll, P. Behan, and F. England, three members of the Centennial Jubilee Quartette (the fourth, Mr. J. S. Whitworth, being absent), but the concert would have been much better without it. The other solo singers were Mr. H. Carroll and Mr. P. Behan, who assisted to make the entertainment a success. The prayer from "Moses in Egypt" (Rossini) was given by all the vocalists as the closing number. The accompaniments to the songs were admirably played at the pianoforte by Mr. E. G. Wilson, who also played a bright little march as a piano solo.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

A sacred and classical concert was given at the Academy of Music last night. The attendance was not large. The programme, however, was well arranged, and nicely carried out, under the conductorship of Mr. G. Somers. Miss Laura Roberts, who has a very fine soprano voice, sang "Norah Mavourneen," "Sweet spirit, hear my prayer," and "Happy be thy dreams," and was deservedly applauded. Mr. C. Palmer, a tenor, gave "No One Like Mother," "Angels Listen," and "He Wipes the Tear." Mr. A. Santley contributed "Old Rustic Bridge," "Four Jolly Smiths," and "I never can forget," Mr. Tom. Holland rendered "The Mountebank" and "Rocked in the cradle of the deep." The Centennial Quartette, consisting of Messrs. Braham, Read, Farley, and Porter, gave a number of selections in capital style, the "Tar's Song," at the close being applauded.

ALHAMBRA MUSIC HALL.

A sacred and classical concert was given last night at Frank Smith's Alhambra Music Hall. An excellent programme drew a very large audience, and the hall in all parts was filled, notwithstanding the many counter attractions. The first item on the programme, the overture "Tancredi," by the orchestra, under the conductorship of Mr. C. Lockhead, was well rendered. It would be invidious to criticise the individual items, for all were effectively rendered, and in the majority of instances encores were demanded and acceded to. The concert on the whole was of a high order, and the various pieces were given with much spirit. Miss Marie Mackay sang "Daddie." Mr. A. M. Hazlewood rendered "A Soldier's Dream of Home," and "I'm Waiting my Love's Return." Miss Amy Blackie in "Love Never Sleeps" was good; she also sang a duet, "Whispering Hope," with Miss Neville, who obtained an encore for her singing of "Maid of the Mill." Mr. Harold Hazle gave two recitations in his usual style. Miss Bertha Faning for her songs, "Ruby" and "Let me dream again," was heartily applauded. Miss Lorrie St. George was equally well received for rendering "Lovers and Friends" and "The song that reached my heart." Mr. F. J. Spencer gave the martial song, "Brave Sentinel" and "Jack's come home at last;" and Mr. Ryan sang Bishop's song, "The Pilgrim of Love." The National Anthem concluded the programme.

HAYMARKET MUSIC HALL.

Mr. Harry Rickards, assisted by the members of his company, gave a ballad concert in the Haymarket Music Hall. There was a large attendance. The performance opened with an overture, "Le Chevalier Breton," played by the orchestra, under the direction of Mr. H. Florack. Their other contributions were—a selection from "Maritana," an interlude ("Camaralzaman"), and the "Sadowa" March. Because of its length the audience were not kindly disposed towards the selections from Wallace's masterpiece, and manifested their displeasure by keeping time to the beauties of "Maritana" with an unmistakable application of their feet on the floor. Mr. Rickards himself was the most popular. He sang "I will stand by my friend," several selections from his extensive repertoire, and "On the bridge." Miss Kate Rickards-Leete sang very pleasantly the "Old Village Bells," and the other soloists were Miss Kate Lawrence, Miss Georgie Devoe, Miss Ada Delroy, Miss Lucy Fraser, Miss Constance, Mr. Bell, and Mr. Woodhead.

INTERCOLONIAL NEWS.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE, TUESDAY.

To-day was fine, but warm. The usual Christmas services were held in the various Churches. The Salvation Army gave a free Christmas dinner to the needy in the Temperance Hall.

At the Bijou Theatre Miss Von Finkelstein to-night delivered her lecture "Life in Jerusalem." "Stabat Mater" was rendered by Simonsen's Opera Company at the Opera House. At the Town Hall the Philharmonic Society performed "The Messiah." There were the customary number of bay excursions to-day, besides trips on the suburban lines.

A large number of visitors were present at the Exhibition to-night. "The Messiah" was rendered by the Centennial choir and orchestra.

To-night a fire broke out in the American Saddling and Harness Company's shop, Elizabeth-street, during the absence of the inmates. The shop was gutted, the contents being entirely destroyed. The loss is estimated at £200.

COUNTRY NEWS.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

KIAMA, TUESDAY.

Messrs. Chandler and Jackson, who recently assisted the Kiama pilot to save the steamer Ajax from foundering, have been rewarded by the Marine Board with the sum of 20s. each.

The tender of Messrs. White and Davis, at £270, has been accepted for additions to the Temperance Hall, Kiama, which will render it equal to the requirements of this town for many years to come as a place for public entertainments. The new stage will give accommodation for between 40 and 50 performers.

Christmas of 1888 will be remembered here as one of the pleasantest ever enjoyed. The weather to-day has been delightful. The town was tastefully decorated with flags and foliage, and was full of visitors, who arrived by the early trains. The principal resorts were Neptune's Fountain, and some of the many splendid natural bathing places along the coast. The localities immediately around the town never looked more charming than just now, thanks to the late beautiful rain.

NEWCASTLE, TUESDAY.

Two seamen who had deserted from the barque Northern Empire had been arrested, and were being conveyed in a boat to the vessel while lying in harbour ready for sea. Just as Water Police Constable Shearer and another constable had got the boat alongside, one deserter, named Kirk, jumped overboard and endeavoured to swim ashore. The constables managed to drag him into the boat, and reconveyed him to the ship, when he jumped overboard a second time. He was picked up exhausted and handcuffed. The vessel shortly after sailed for Manila.

The body of a little boy named Albert Taylor, aged five years, was found on the beach at the recreation reserve, Newcastle, by two lads this morning, who had gone there to bathe. The little fellow had been missing since Friday from his home at Stockton. He must have gone into the water to bathe, and was drowned.

LECTURES.

MISS CHAPMAN ON THE CHURCH OF ROME.

"Why I Left the Church of Rome" was the subject of a lecture delivered in the Protestant Hall yesterday evening, by Miss Jessie B. Chapman. There was a good attendance and much interest was taken in the lecture. In the first part of her lecture Miss Chapman stated that she was brought up in the Catholic faith and it was not by any sudden wrench that she tore herself away from the Church of Rome. Her separation from the Church had occasioned a considerable amount of controversy, and there were many who averred that it was a piece of presumption on her part to pursue a course of assailing such a powerful organisation as the Roman Catholic Church. She then proceeded to deal with the confessional, and in the course of her remarks questioned the right of the priest to the claims which he made, and stated that it was only by believing him to be the possessor of supernatural power that they could in any way justify the position he took up. She dwelt at some length upon the conduct of priests towards poor and ignorant Catholics, and in conclusion referred at to the doctrine of transubstantiation, the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church with regard to Purgatory, and the worship of the Virgin Mary. The lecturer, who has an eloquent and finished style of address, was frequently applauded, and the lecture was very much appreciated. On Thursday evening Miss Chapman will give another lecture, the subject of which will be "The Confessional thrown open."

IT WON'T HATCH.

The man who drinks any other brand than Walker's Whisky is like a hen sitting on a China egg, wondering whether any good will come from it.—[ADVT.]

AN HOTEL DESTROYED BY FIRE.

TWO BOARDERS KILLED.

A disastrous fire occurred early yesterday morning, when the Wentworth House Family Hotel, situated at No. 13, Church-hill, was destroyed in less than two hours, during which time two young Englishmen, who were boarding at the hotel, lost their lives, while other boarders narrowly escaped a similar fate. The rapid spread of the flames, the speedy and complete destruction of the building, the sad loss of two lives, the gallant rescue of a young woman, and the particular day upon which the occurrence took place, make the melancholy event of unusual interest. The Wentworth House has been known for many years as an established family hotel. The structure was old, and of a very inflammable nature, as shown by the singularly rapid spread of the flames. At five minutes to 5 o'clock a small fire was discovered in the bathroom, which stood on the back balcony; in a few minutes even before some of the lodgers had descended the stairs, it had spread through the house and egress by the stairs was rendered impossible. In an attempt to escape by the roof two young men named George Theodore Charles Armstrong and Edgar Caulfield, fell to the ground, some 50ft. below, and were killed. A young woman was gallantly rescued from the balcony, and when the Metropolitan Fire Brigade arrived, after the fire had been burning 15 minutes, the building was gone beyond redemption. A mistake appears to have been made by the inmates in not alarming the fire station immediately, but when one alarm had been given and the brigade were on their way several messages followed in quick succession. As far as can be gathered a general warning appears to have been given to the inmates, but the two men who lost their lives may not have heard it quite as soon as the others. With the exception of the bar, which stood in the York-street corner of the building, the place was totally destroyed, with all its contents. There was a good pressure of water the only drawback being that it had to be brought from the plugs in York-street. Preparations had been made for honouring Christmas Day in the customary manner, and, although some of the inmates were up till an early hour, no one saw anything that would afford any indication of the cause of the outbreak.

Christmas Eve had caused rather more than ordinary business among those who were residing in the house. Some of the inmates did not retire till an early hour, but the landlady and the two young men who lost their lives went to bed before midnight. Preparations had of necessity been made for the customary Christmas dinner, and a number of invitations had been issued to friends, so that the Christmas goose and pudding might be enjoyed by a goodly company. The house was closed up and lights extinguished some time after midnight, and all seemed quiet and secure.

The first discovery of the fire was made a little before 5 a.m. by a barmaid employed on the premises, named Catherine Shine. She was sleeping in a bedroom near the bathroom, and was awoke by hearing the crackling of flames. On looking she found that there was a fire in the bathroom, which stood about the middle of the back balcony. She at once roused Miss Hayes, daughter of the licensee. Mr. Hayes and a boarder named James Woods got some buckets of water and endeavoured to extinguish the fire in the bathroom. The women in the house were entrusted with the task of calling all the inmates. At that time there were in the house Mrs. Mary Hayes the licensee, Mr. Hayes a relative, two young ladies bearing the same name—one being her daughter, and the other her niece—and in addition to this there were six boarders. It is not very clear how the two unfortunate men became entrapped, but either they had not been called as soon as the other inmates, or, if so, could not have realised their danger. At any rate, the fire, which the Messrs. Hayes and Woods thought to have extinguished with buckets of water, spread throughout the building with almost incredible speed. In making attempts to extinguish the fire while it was confined to the bathroom the necessity of alarming the fire brigade was overlooked. Four of the boarders—named John Woods, Patrick Durkan, George Theodore Charles Armstrong, and Edgar Caulfield—were sleeping in the upper story. Woods and Durkan managed to escape down the staircase, but Durkan had to pass through dense smoke. Caulfield and Armstrong were apparently unable to descend the staircase. In all probability they made an attempt to do so shortly after the others went down; but from the speedy extension of the flames a very short time would make descent impossible. Cut off from escape below, the two men—young, strong, and active—made an effort to escape by getting on to the roof and passing along to the next building. They got out of the skylight, which was situated midway between the edge and the ridge of the roof. But the roof was so sloping, and the slates so smooth that they could not get a footing. Miss Hayes, the niece of the licensee, was also cut off from escape below, and she found a temporary refuge on the balcony. It subsequently transpired that there was another man cut off from retreat in the upper story at this time, but he was not now visible.

At this stage, when two men were on a steep slippery roof, one man inside, and a young woman on the balcony, with raging flames beneath them, some members of the Shamrock Club, who occupy the rooms in the upper portion of the *Freeman's Journal* office, which stands next the Wentworth House, noticed the fire. One of them—Mr. J. M'Gonigal—saw the woman on the balcony, and in response to her terrified entreaty ran to alarm the Fire Brigade. This he did by using the fire alarm at the corner of York and King streets. The alarm acted well, but the brigade had been called shortly before and were just starting when they received Mr. M'Garigal's signal. While he was doing this the other inmates of *Freeman's Journal* building, including several gentlemen, endeavoured to assist the two men on the roof, and to get them into their own building. Constable M'Donall who was on duty in the vicinity, also saw the fire, and after despatching a message to No. 4 Station ran up to the top of the adjoining building, and endeavoured to save the men from their terrible position on the roof, which was speedily becoming untenable. He got on to the roof, but owing to its steep, smooth nature was unable to go along, and had to return to the next building. He then endeavoured to find some means of communication with them; but while he was so engaged, the unfortunate men, blinded by smoke and exhausted by heat, lost their hold, and, slipping from the roof, fell to the earth at the rear of the building, nearly 50ft. below. They were seen to fall by a man named James Hickey, of No. 23, Jamieson-street, and Patrick Durkan, one of the more fortunate boarders. They were fearfully injured, Armstrong's head being smashed, while Caulfield's back was severely injured. Armstrong was picked up dead, and Caulfield, who was insensible, died shortly afterwards. Dr. T. C. Fisher pronounced life extinct, and the bodies were removed to the North Sydney Morgue.

The young woman on the balcony exhibited great terror, and in her distraction was about to throw herself to the ground. A young man named M. Rock shouted to her to stay where she was, and, going through the window of the adjoining building, he got on to the roof of the balcony, climbed across to the girl, secured her, and succeeded in bringing her back and down through the skylight into safety, at great danger to his own life.

This all happened in a few minutes. When Mr. M'Gonigal ran to the fire alarm he left what appeared to be so small a fire that a few buckets of water would extinguish it. When he returned the place was wrapped in flames, the two men were dead, and the girl was rescued.

The building burnt with great clear flames, there being comparatively little smoke. A large crowd of people gathered on the scene, and the burning building shed a peculiar brilliancy around the neighbourhood in the early morning.

The fire was first discovered at 4.55 a.m. The North Sydney Volunteer Company, which is stationed close by, received the alarm from some boys, and were the first to appear on the scene, and they got a hose to play on the flames just as the Metropolitan Fire Brigade arrived with two steamers, a salvage van, and ladders.

The alarm was first received at the fire station at 11 minutes after 5 through the Central Police from No. 4 Police Station. While the brigade was turning out two or three other calls were received from the General Post Office by telephone, and through the fire alarm at the corner of Pitt and Market streets. Superintendent Bear, with the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, turned out with all possible despatch, and as the streets were clear the engines were able to travel very quickly to the scene. On arrival there Superintendent Bear was informed that two men had been killed, and the police were then bringing the unfortunate men out of the side passage. One of them was quite dead, and the other was just on the point of expiring. At this time Superintendent Bear's attention was called to another man in great danger, who was trying to escape from the upper portion of the building. He immediately sent the ladder to connect the balcony of the burning building with that of the building next to it, but a number of gentlemen in the last named building got hold of the man and dragged him into their building through the window, thus securing him from danger. The staircase leading from the ground floor had been burnt away, and the rest of the place from top to bottom was wrapped in flames, which rapidly consumed the contents, and shed a bright lurid light over the whole of the neighbourhood. The roof began to fall in, and soon after the flames burst through it, and leapt high into the air. There was no chance of saving the building when the brigade arrived, as the fire had fastened securely upon the whole structure, and had evidently been burning about 15 minutes. The brigade first got to work with a hydrant, and shortly afterwards the two steam fire-engines were brought into play. No. 1 engine played on the rear of the premises to prevent the fire spreading, and No. 2 poured a powerful stream into the heart of the fire through the front portion of the building. By this time all the people were out of the building. There was a plentiful supply of water, only it had to be brought from rather a long distance. The hoses were attached to plugs in York-street, a distance of 300 or 400 yards. The nearest plug was from a small main of the Crown-street supply, and this did not give a very great pressure. The north Sydney Volunteer Company used this plug, but the supply from the York-street plugs was first class. From the structure of the building the fire was enabled to spread rapidly—the wooden and lath-and-plaster partitions being very inflammable. The fire was got under in about an hour from the arrival of the brigade, its temporary fierceness being soon exhausted.

The following was the attendance of the firemen:—North Sydney Volunteer Company, with a reel and 8 men; No. 1 steamer, M.F.B., with 9 men; No. 2 steamer, M.F.B., with 7 men; M.F.B. salvage ladders, 7 men; and Standard Brewery Volunteer Company, with reel and 13 men: total, 44 men.

The building was occupied and owned by Mrs. Mary Hayes. The structure consisted of brick walls, with partitions of lath-and-plaster and wood, and was covered by a slate roof. It had three floors and a basement, and contained 18 rooms. The staircase was in the centre of the building, and there was a balcony both at the front and back. It stood in a prominent position, just off York-street, at the corner, facing Church-hill, with Jamieson-street at the rear. The whole building and all the contents are almost totally destroyed, and the roof has fallen in. The bar, which was situated at the York-street corner of the building, is almost intact. The basement together with the contents was severely damaged by water, everything in the upper stories having been consumed by the flames. The beds, bedding, furniture, wardrobes, chests, wearing apparel, and a quantity of jewellery and valuables belonging to the inmates were destroyed. Within two hours of the outbreak there was nothing left but the blackened walls and the smoking debris, the bar being the sole exception to the general devastation. Mr. J. Carroll had an office in the basement the contents of which were damaged by water.

The inmates of the hotel found a refuge in the Occidental Hotel. The female members of the family were overwhelmed with the suddenness and completeness of the disaster, and were incapable of giving any account of their dangers, and Mr. Hayes was greatly affected.

At a specially-summoned meeting of the Shamrock Club held last evening a unanimous vote of sympathy was passed to the families of Messrs. Armstrong and Caulfield. It was decided to postpone the social advertised to be held on Boxing Night till further notice as a mark of respect to the deceased.

Both the deceased were single men. Armstrong was about 24 years of age, and was employed in the New South Wales Railway Office, Pitt-street. He has been in the colony about five years, and during the past ten weeks has resided at the hotel where he met his death. His parents are said to reside in Dublin. Caulfield is about 23 years of age, and is well connected in Dublin. He has been staying at the hotel for about four weeks, and came to Australia to gain colonial experience. Both were fine, well-made men. The Acting-Coroner will initiate an inquest this morning at the Croydon Hotel, and the inquiry will be adjourned to the Coroner's Court, where a full investigation will be made into the whole of the circumstances.

The building was insured in the Phœnix Fire Insurance Company for £2000, and the contents were insured in the Victoria Fire Insurance Company for £2000. It is estimated that the total amount of the insurance will about cover the damages, viz., £4000.

All day yesterday there were numerous visitors to the scene of the conflagration, the sad fate of the two young men exciting general commiseration.

The premises of the *Freeman's Journal* were wetted in some places by water, and some of the windows were broken. Some slight damage was caused to the Shamrock Club's rooms, situated in the upper portion of the building.

Last evening, at St. Patrick's Church, which stands opposite to the scene of the fire, the Rev. Father Piquet, S.M., made a sympathetic reference to the two men who lost their lives, and asked for the prayers of the congregation on their behalf.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Shortly after 5 o'clock this morning (of Christmas Day) I heard a cry of fire and a trampling of feet, and hastily dressing myself I quickly got to the scene, which was Mrs. Hayes' "Wentworth House Hotel." When I arrived clouds of dense smoke were pouring from every door and window on the first floor, even through the slates of the roof. Just as the fire brigade came up two unfortunate young men were seen to drop from the roof, having slidden down from trap doors in the slanting roof (which inclines towards the street and the back court yard. One, to all appearance, was dead when picked up, and seemed terribly crushed; the other appeared to be still alive, but in a dying state. They both fell off the back portion of the roof. The brigade men, with great promptitude, carried their poor wounded bodies to cabs, which were quickly driven off to the hospital. After this the fire broke through the roof and windows, and there was soon a great blaze, but with a good supply of water, well directed, in about an hour all danger of the fire spreading to the office of the *Freeman's Journal*, next door, was avoided. If there had been parapets at the termination of these sloping roofs these two lives would have been spared. Would it not be wise for the Legislature to pass a short Act requiring all buildings to be erected after this date to be so protected. In the law of Moses such a parapet was required to prevent accidental fallings off from flat roofs. Surely it would be an easy and effective way of preventing loss of life by fire, as by such means there would be a moral certainty of saving many lives, and the feelings of society would be spared the sight I this morning saw of the spectacle of the mangled bodies of the dead and dying being removed through the streets on Christmas morn, made sad by the harrowing sight of such destruction and misery, which might easily be avoided by a little judicious legislation. I am, &c.,

ONE WHO SAW THE SAD SIGHT.

December 25.

CASUALTIES.

FATAL TRAMWAY ACCIDENT.

As the Glebe Point tram was passing Bay-street, Glebe, at 11.10 p.m. on Monday on its way to Sydney, the motor passed over a man, name unknown, who was killed instantly. Both arms and legs of the unfortunate man were broken, and the body was taken to Prince Alfred Hospital, and afterwards to the South Sydney Morgue. The body is that of a man about 45 years old, 5ft. 11in. high, of fair complexion, with brown hair, dark-brown whiskers and moustache, grey eyes, six teeth missing from the upper jaw and seven from the lower. The clothing consisted of brown sac coat and vest, dark serge trousers, blue and red striped shirt, flannel undershirt, lace up boots, and dark soft felt hat. The number of the motor was 39, John Carter was the driver, and Patrick Stuart the fireman. The body now awaits identification.

About 1 p.m. yesterday, a child named May Lefevre, aged two years, fell from a balcony at No. 21, Albion-street, Surry Hills, for a distance of 15ft. She was admitted to the hospital suffering from cerebral concussion.

Yesterday a carter named Benjamin Lumsden, aged 26 years, residing in Crown-road, Ultimo, was admitted to the hospital, suffering from a lacerated wound of the scalp 1½in. long, and a crack in the outer table of the skull ½in. long.

OVERLAND PASSENGER TRAFFIC.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

ALBURY, TUESDAY.

For Melbourne (by express, on Tuesday): Miss Barrington, Miss Wright, J. J. Clark, Mrs. Bocock, D. W. M'Leod, D. H. Kenglish, Mr. and Mrs. Reid Baird two children and nurse (Brisbane), Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Bodle, Miss Bodle, L. Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. Geddes, Hon. W. Forrest, M.L.C. (Queensland), G. F. Ormond (Toorak), B. V. Thompson (Captain's Flat), Miss Downie, Mrs. Farmer, H. F. Jackson, W. Cox, T. Skeen, Miss Grant, Mr. and Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Raike, J. Campbell, Miss Berrill (Albury), Mr. and Miss Moss, (North Shore), Oscar Meyer (Exhibition), Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Wood (Western Australia), W. J. Rundle (Bourke), Mr. and Mrs. H. Sivelle (Young), R. T. Glover, J. Duckworth (Geelong), D. Wilson (Dingee), L. Arnot (Newcastle), R. Smith, Edwd. Curr (St. Kilda), D. Haig (South Australia), Alfd. Chiddy, Oscar Comettant, Mr. and Miss Bladen, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cousins, T. Bennett, Captain S. Green, E. Millican, J. T. Ashwood, T. Edginton, J. Winter, J. Clee, W. Power, Robt. Essell, Saml. Lownds, Hy. Biddell, J. Gillespie, T. F. Saddler, C. Murray, F. Y. Wolseley, F. A. Bloch, J. R. Reid, Rev. J. W. Inglis, J. D. Cox (Sydney), T. E. Bolton, Mr. and Mrs. J. M'Lennan and child, J. M'Adam, S. Calver, Dr. E. H. Tyffe, R. Dickson, C. Bear (Melbourne).

For Melbourne (by ordinary on Tuesday): A. Wilson, M.L.A., Mrs. Enway, Charles Enway, O. Radcliffe, R. Aitkenhead, Mr. and Mrs. E. Smith and 2 children, Mrs. Moosch (Sydney), Mrs. Wilson, A. G. Hawkswood, D. M'Gee, Mrs. P. A. Peterson and 2 children (Melbourne), A. Bailey (Bega), William Cox (Wagga).

For Sydney (by ordinary on Tuesday): J. Siegenburg (St. Kilda), Mr. and Mrs. J. Cohen and child (Prahran), J. C. Campbell (San Francisco), Claud Wilshire (Albury), Miss Charlotte Solomons, Louis Levein, John Watson, A. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Marsh and 2 children (Sydney), Edward Lough, E. Stanton (Melbourne).

For Sydney (by express on Tuesday): M. J. Davis, A. W. Kenning, R. H. Blackmore (Melbourne), Captain George, Major Strong, Sergeant Lambert, Corporal Quantock, Private Christie, Sergeant Gilder, A.B. Brooks, A.B. Gibson, Private M'Intosh, Otto Joseph (Sydney), J. W. Eaton (Richmond), C. H. Taylor (St. Kilda), W. P. Edwards (Ballarat), H. P. Holly (Moonee Ponds), H. Raphael (Ascot Vale), C. S. Gillham (Summer Hill), S. R. Corkhill (Strathfield), G. Johnson, W. H. Rushton, G. L. Cant, W. G. Stevenson, K. Fokes, Mr. and Mrs. Noyes and 3 children, J. Newman (Adelaide), C. G. Ewing, R. Manning, J. K. Martin, Miss Jansborg (Sandhurst), Mrs. Driver, H. Driver (Seymour), P. S. Nelson (Albury).

DRY CHAMPAGNE.

Moët and Chandon, champagne growers, are proprietors of the best growths around Epernay, many of which have been in the possession of their house since the year 1741. The extent of their vineyards is now 2500 acres, which they cultivate themselves. They are thus enabled to ship wines of exceptional value. Their "Dry Imperial" 1884 vintage can be obtained of all wine merchants throughout Australia.—[ADVT.]

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CHRISTMAS EVE IN SYDNEY.

By Vauriex.

That Christmas comes but once a year is a source of poignant regret to us while young. At that jocund period of life when we read "Spring-heeled Jack" with pleasure, and eat a heterogeneous combination of underdone pastry and unripe fruit without fear of subsequent pain, the fact that Christianity's great festival happens but once in twelve months instead of twice a week is depressing. Not so as we grow older, and grizzling hair begins to clear the brain. [Strange, by the way, that the flight of time which strengthens the brain weakens the stomach; until, when you are full of years and wisdom, you are obliged to return to arrowroot and porridge.] Then we are only too prone to wish that but one 25th of December, like one 29th of February, occurred every four years. To be brief—At seven the child who, as the father of the man, might be expected to know what is good for both him and his future son, considers that the world would be all the better if December was the only month in the year, and the 25th the only day in it. At seventy the old man peevishly questions the wisdom of his youthful father, and would be far from inconsolable if the year contained but 11 divisions instead of 12, or, in other words, that there was no last month. The last half-dozen words seem a little paradoxical, but the intelligent reader will have no difficulty in grasping my meaning. This brings me to Christmas Eve in Sydney.

To an unobservant person it would seem an ordinary Saturday evening, the chief difference being that people appear more demonstrative and affectionate than usual. A little close observation, however, shows that the difference is not in degree only, but in kind. The theatres give early promise of large and discriminating audiences, especially in those houses which, curiously enough at this season of goodwill, reproduce pieces where the prowess and daring of British soldiers and sailors, in face of overwhelming odds, are held up for admiration and emulation. Huge posters, in which the disciples of a novel but attractive school of art revel in wild luxuriance, tell of the glories to be seen within. One placard attracts undisguised admiration. Industry, talent, and seductive pigments have combined to rivet the passer-by. On one side of a roaring torrent which dashes and foams through a precipitous gorge, are to be seen a number of red-coated men, apparently as anxious to cross the swirling flood as a number of determined Buddhists on the opposite side are desirous of being miles away before the British bull-dogs get half through. Whether in play-bills or in art galleries there is nothing that so constantly suggests the large and possibly ineradicable residuum of savagery in human nature as the interest evinced by loiterers before battle-pieces. It is in vain that the great satirist demands what there is to admire

"In men because they load and fire,
And know the art of cutting throats."

The fact that men and women will linger and look, leave and return again for a fresh dose of pictorial windpipe-slitting is too patent to be denied. One window which on Monday night attracted crowds of admirers owed its seductiveness to the gorgeously-uniformed Emperors and Kings of Europe. There were to be seen the trinity of potentates whose predecessors throttled unhappy Poland with "Their whiskered pandours and their fierce hussars." Let us begone and examine other persons and scenes more in harmony with the association of the season.

In the Central Markets all articles—fowl, fruit, vegetables, and toys—are at famine prices, three shillings a dozen for oranges and twelve shillings for a single goose being modestly asked by enterprising merchants. From the alarmed manner in which would-be purchasers beat a precipitate retreat on learning the prices, it is far from improbable that the pushing vendors will have to cook their own geese and suck their own oranges on the morrow. In toys the highest pitch of excellence appears to have been reached by a repulsive-looking simulacrum, which bobs its head and opens its mouth at short intervals. To the children who crowd around, the antics of this abnormal puppet are watched with wonder seasoned with awe. One tiny lad in his father's arms made an attempt to place the remnants of a bun in the mannikin's mouth, but was fortunately stopped by the intervention of a stout plate-glass window. It was as well. For, judging by the model's gape, the poor child's cake would have done little to satisfy the morbid craving of a creature whose capacious mouth could conceal a fair-sized loaf without inconvenience. The number of organ-grinders seemingly employed remuneratively is beyond counting. One of these artists, in possession of an instrument of limited capacities, helps his machine over a succession of imperfect bars by a soul-destroying accompaniment in the form of a shrill whistle produced by the first two fingers of his left hand, assisted occasionally by the thumb when the variations are more than ordinarily intricate or require a more elaborate finish. Man's inhumanity to his kind has passed into a proverb. Of a truth men themselves have been the greatest enemies of their race. Consider for a moment the devilish profligacy of those who invented penny trumpets, bows and arrows for children of tender years, dolls that squawked on being handled with even the greatest circumspection, tin locomotives that ran along the floor unassisted; boxes whose lids flew unexpectedly open, displaying an unattractive incubus with tow-hair and goggle-eyes, and all the dreary list of maddeningly ingenious toys, that have done so much to make marriage a failure. Yet, what are all these outrages, even when combined in one nursery, compared with the ghastly discovery made by the outcast who first published the fact that by puckering the lips and blowing he could produce a whistle? Even if things stopped there, life could have been made fairly tolerable; but when it comes to magnifying that whistle a hundredfold by means of a couple of fingers, and employing a barrel-organ to fill up the gaps, it is time to speak out.

In Paddy's Market the attendance was not so great as might have been anticipated. This was probably due to the counter attraction of the windows, the theatres, the streets, and, it is to be feared, the public-houses. Still, it is only fair to the industrious persons who push the sale of corn solvents, crockery cement, vegetable pills (without a trace of mercury or other deleterious substance), and cheap neckties of attractive colours, to say that the limited audience had the effect rather of increasing than diminishing their efforts to please and instruct. When the poet of all time alluded to the number of parts played by men in a life, he probably had in his eye the class to which these active persons belong. The serious-looking trader, for instance, who on Monday night dwelt on the criminal improvidence of giving one-and-sixpence for a neckerchief while he was prepared to supply dozens of the same kind for a third of the price, might have been seen at a Pitt-street door a few evenings ago inviting attention to a monster alligator to be seen inside for sixpence. A large painting on the outside represented this dangerous saurian eating a Chinaman with evident relish. Explanatory of the rather gruesome picture, the idlers on the pavement were informed that "this was the only known monster that eat his prey while in captivity." The unpleasant impression left on the public was that a stock of Chinamen was kept on hand by the syndicate running the reptile, so that the latter might in time become reconciled to his capture. When it is remembered how hard must necessarily be the life of a crocodile in a Queensland lagoon when neither natives nor diggers are in the immediate neighbourhood, it must be confessed that one who could depend on a juicy Mongol a day had little cause for complaint, beyond the being kept under lock and key. A measure which he, himself, when he came to reason the matter out, would willingly concede to be best, both for his own comfort and that of the community. I was anxious to know from this man's own mouth why he had left his employment of a few days before—for which he certainly seemed to be peculiarly adapted—and whether he left with references sufficiently appreciative to ensure his being again employed when another and larger crocodile came south. It might be that the syndicate didn't think him sufficiently experienced in the alligator line, although such is unlikely, as the animal's best points were dwelt upon with a minute attention to details that could not be other than gratifying to all concerned. Probably the big lizard was dead—a fact not to be wondered at when the unvarying character of his food is considered. Or the sixpenny scarf line, leaving possibly a margin of 4½d. profit, might have been considered more remunerative. At all events, I could not succeed in securing an audience without lingering for a much longer period than I had at my command, so that the question, full of interest as it is, will have to remain in abeyance. The market phrenologist was mostly idle on Monday, except when a dissipated-looking person, evidently in his employ, presented himself for examination. The character of this employee, only given after careful research on the exterior of an abnormally angular head—the subject steadied himself by a firm grip of the desk during the process—convinced many that someone had been entertaining an angel unawares. As the eve of the great Festival was essentially a children's night out, it is little wonder that the professors I have mentioned, as well as those who superintended shooting-galleries, machines for testing strength, or estimating lung development, and stalls where delf was mended with firmness and despatch found themselves deserted in favour of the merry-go-round. The proprietor of this restless invention had no cause to complain of Monday. Stolid greybeards and demonstrative infants wedged themselves into his wheelless vehicles, or sat defiant and erect on his even-tempered steeds. The world contains many less pleasant sights than that of a sturdy workman straddled on a wooden horse while a two-year-old nestles in her dad's arms, half-afraid of the rapid motion while wholly assured that no great harm can come to her so long as he is by. When the first feeling of surprise is over the way in which she proudly and half-contemptuously looks round at her mammy and the rest of her family sitting in the car behind—looks as if afraid they might not be able to keep up, but must inevitably be left behind—is suggestive of a desire on her part that all should place themselves unhesitatingly under her charge and she'd see them through.

The streets are stiff with country folk. There's no mistaking them—no mistaking their clothes' rustic cut, their faces' healthy freckles, and their own reckless enjoyment of everything. The way in which a country lad, who has never before stood in a crowded thoroughfare, will glare about him to see what it all means, to see when this rushing river of life will run itself out; would be comical were it not so serious. In his far-off village he not only knows everybody, but is known to all for 20 miles round. Here he is simply a stranger, surrounded by innumerable others who are not only strangers to him but to one another as well. Let him but be run over by a tram or crushed under a rickety scaffolding, and unless in his pocket he carried a card with his name and address, it is more than likely that none belonging to him would be a bit the wiser. Still, just as a gourmand envies the appetite of the starveling he sees gaping through a baker's window, so the sated oppidan views the astonished yokel, and longs for the latter's capacity for enjoyment. But the street life becomes less pressing and restless as the hours go by, till, as the clocks strike 12 and the Christmas of 1888 demands admittance, a few stragglers along are to be seen—wanderers who have kept the eve of the festival not wisely but too well.

AS YOU LIKE IT.

"Ay, marry, now unmuzzle your wisdom."—Rosalind.

What! on the 25th day of December? Well—hardly in my first paragraph. That surely may, on such a day, be devoted to more pious uses. And among them, not the least pious is to purge myself (if it not be too late) of a sin of omission in the punctual performance of a duty to the philosophers who read this poor column. Health and long life to them all, and may they continue to tolerate it, not according to its desert, but as Hamlet desired Polonius—"Use every man after his desert and who shall 'scape whipping? Use them after your own honour and dignity, the less they deserve the more merit is in your bounty." Well, dear Mrs. and retrospective friends, so to-morrow will be (as I write), is (as you read) Boxing Day. And, pray, how long is it since the youngest of you had a Christmas box? You can't remember? Nor can I. The genuine Christmas box has for many fugacious years been only a memory for me at all events; or, rather, it has merged in a memento more consonant to the eternal verities. It comes now in the questionable shape of a business memo.—"Account rendered, £— — —. A cheque will oblige." I file the tender reminiscence as a matter of duty, but it does not evoke (at least not in my case) that thrill of gratitude which accompanied the old-fashioned Christmas box, even when the gift might be but a brace of very high pheasants, or a haunch of quite impossible venison. Yet there is something almost touching about these seasonable reminders that one's existence is not forgotten by some people; and one might do worse than follow an example set by an Irishman of philosophic and kindly instincts in another country; who, as regularly as Christmas and its bills came round, "returned the compliment" to his creditors in the form of visiting cards inscribed "With thanks for kind inquiries." There was much ingenious sweetness in that exchange of Christmas-boxes between debtor and creditor. *Festo quid potius die?*

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But I am a little off the track, my purpose being to impress upon the contemplative mind the expedience of occasional abstinence from that "working-day" sapience which some of us are blessed with almost to excess. Let us lock up our ledgers, journals, cash books, bills payable and receivable, attendance books, note books, all the paraphernalia of practical wisdom, at least for a few days. It is the season of monetary repose and general benevolence. We can't stop interest from running during these Days of Grace, nor yet scotch the wheels of the Limitation Acts; but we can abstain, for a while, from posting up the daily balance, and working out the calamity of compound interest. Consider the behaviour of one of the wisest of Englishmen when he was in the island of Skye. "This evening (writes Boswell in his 'Tour') one of our married ladies, a lively pretty little woman, good humouredly sat down upon Dr. Johnson's knee, and, being encouraged by some of the company, put her hands round his neck and kissed him. 'Do it again (said he), and let us see who will tire first.' And let no one critically minded point out to me that it was all very well for Johnson to do things at Corrichatachin, in a remote island of the Hebrides, that he would not have dreamed of doing in Bolt Court; for, as Dr. Hill (Boswell's admirable editor) points out, Johnson once invited two young Staffordshire women, who came to London to consult him about Methodism, to dine with him and Dr. Maxwell, assistant preacher at the Temple. 'Come, you pretty fools, said he, and dine with Maxwell and me at the Mitre, and we will talk over that subject?' which they did; and after dinner he took one of them upon his knee, and fondled her for half-an-hour together . . . What would a prig have done under such circumstances? Rebuked the lively little Scotch lady, and talked Methodism to the 'two pretty fools' from Staffordshire. Likely enough. The philosopher did otherwise, and for doing so deserved nothing less than a statue."

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And a statue, according to the Standing Counsel to all Mankind, Thomas Carlyle (with him Mr. David Buchanan), and a gentleman in writing last Wednesday's *Herald* over the trade mark ***, is a very serious affair. Most of us have read Carlyle's Latter-day Pamphlet entitled "Hudson's Statue, and all of us who are not "money-bags and meat-troughs" would agree with all that he has said about Hudson and the like of Hudson; but would not agree with Mr. David Buchanan in holding that "it will be time enough for this country to erect monuments when we have produced our Shakespeares and Miltons, our Nelsons and Marlboroughs," which is but a roundabout way of telling us that we must be content to do without statues until we can raise one in honour of the man who shall persuade us to "cut the painter," and pay for it by funds provided by a loan to be raised in ——. Mr. Buchanan very carefully abstains from all mention of the name of Mr. Dalley, and so does the "Three Star" critic who reels off a list of the names of celebrated men with the object of making us despair for ever of matching them, and yet most of them died centuries before anyone thought of raising statues in their honour. "Three Star," indeed, goes so far as to tell us that we made a mistake in giving a statue to Thomas Sutcliffe Mort because a century hence "the name on the pedestal will convey but little memory of the man"—that name, according to our critic, if I understand him, being associated with no "useful institution." Now, I venture to think that neither Carlyle's homily on Hudson's statue, nor "Three Stars'" exhortation to us to await the verdict of the people of A.D. 2000 before we immortalise men in bronze or marble, touches the real issue. Let us not forget that the Consolidated Revenue Fund did not provide the money for Mr. Mort's or Dr. Lang's statue, nor will it do so for that of William Bede Dalley. Speaking from memory, I question whether we have ever erected a statue to a public man otherwise than by public subscription. And so far I doubt whether every such monument has not had ample justification in the character of the man commemorated. If then the "evident sense" of a community is to count for anything when it declares that Brown deserves a statue, and when Brown's admirers and friends provide the wherewithal, why should we be told that the proper time for talking about Brown's merits will be about 100 years hence? If Brown has been a public benefactor, or a true patriot, or has done something heroic or noble, why should Brown's generation pass on Brown's memory to its chance of surviving three or four tardy generations? Brown not being a Milton, Shakespeare, Nelson, or Wellington, but only a colonist through whose patriotic endeavours a few thousands of his fellow-colonists have been made happier, or it maybe better, men. As to the crowding-out of our public places by statues, I think that is the merest chimæra. Our public places are not likely to get into that condition in which the Roman Forum was when one of the Scipios and his brother Censor were obliged to remove a number of monuments of persons which had no right to be there—the C.M.Gs. of the period. In the matter of statues, public opinion may safely be trusted in a democratic community like ours.

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What a number of highly respectable people are willing to accommodate me with sums from £10 up to £——," thought I, as nearly two whole columns of monetary advertisements, under the cheering head, "Stock, Shares, and Money," met my eye this Christmas Eve on page 10 of the *Herald*. There was the Anglo-Bengalee and the Bengalee-Australian, and the Bengalee-Mutual, and a dozen others, all anxious to lend (on approved security). There were Land Banks and Land Mortgage Societies, and all sorts and sizes of Loan and Finance Companies, ready to advance money. Now or never, said I, must be the time for us all to float loans, the individual, the municipal council, and the State. Alas, on turning over the page, a male Cassandra, under the dismal signature "Economist" was preaching half a column of financial woe, and almost predicting the year of public repudiation. To him the solvency of these Australasian colonies seems past praying for. There was a public and private debt owed by New South Wales alone, of £80,000,000; and 250,000 adult male debtors were paying some £3,000,000 to their creditors for annual interest. How long could it last? The burthen, according to him, must soon be too heavy for the back, or rather for the political consciences of the gentlemen who represent us in the Assembly, *quem penes arbitrium est*, so far as our Debenture and Treasury Bill debts are concerned. Wherefore "Economist" exhorts us to call a halt, and to turn over a new leaf by using the proceeds of land sales to make railways, and if more cash is wanted, to borrow from ourselves, or "what is altogether safer (safer to whom, surely not to Governments?) to increase the amount of taxation." The latter left a nasty taste in the mouth, one which not even the comforting leading article in the same issue, written to neutralise the whole race of croakers, including the most distinguished of them all (Mr. R. Giffen) quite succeeded in driving away from the palate.

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I own, much as I respect that eminent statist, that I read the telegraphed summary of his lecture to the Statistical Society, with a feeling akin to loathing. Here was another man helping, and on the other side of the world, too, to make our Christmas a failure. Under the influence of that sentiment I fled for succour and support to Coghlan, and what do you suppose I received from the chapter on Finance and Public Wealth in "The Wealth and Progress of New South Wales." First of all there is a table showing the extent to which the revenues of the seven colonies are "hypothecated" for the payment of interest on their public debts, and ranging from 18·62 of the total expenditure for this colony to 41·13 for New Zealand, the average for the group being 25·40. After the table came the commentator, and this is his parable: "A casual glance at the above figures will lend colour to the suggestion sometimes hazarded that the colonies are too rapidly mortgaging their resources, and that the expense of the public debt will prove a greater burthen than they can easily bear. Mr. Coghlan had actually anticipated the vaticinations of his illustrious English brother—cold comfort that, I ween. And though Mr. Coghlan afterwards points out that the case is not so bad as it seems at first sight, yet I for one always take the first impressions of the "Candid friend" rather than his consolatory after-thoughts. And although our case is not nearly so bad as that of poor Vogelland or South Australia, yet there is a federal consideration in the matter of "Intercolonial indebtedness." The first repudiator will set an example that will pass through the group like wild-fire. Neither manhood suffrage nor free selection will be a circumstance compared with the divine right of "nationalising" our national debt when preached for the salvation of Australasian communities "rack-rented by the Shylocks of the London Stock Exchange."

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Not a very seasonable topic this, I confess, for the festive season; but I must take occasion by the forelock and reply briefly to two arguments often urged by politicians and others. The first is that we have spent £30,000,000 on profitable railways, and could sell them for more money. To this the most obvious answer is "Could we?"—seeing that when our present Government wanted to sell that small portion of them known as the tramways, Parliament has kicked up a row that will be a warning to big syndicates for many a year; and if we could sell, would we be let? The other is an argument of a different kind, and is used to comfort those Nationalists among us who are writhing to cut the painter. An English fleet, it is said, will never be allowed to leave English shores to exact payment of overdue interest on our debt. Perhaps not, but long before repudiation day comes the debentures that we talk so airily about now as of things that rather concern future generations, may have been transferred to American, German, French, Italian, or even Chinese speculators at a discount possibly. I know a country which holds considerable influence in Lower Egypt through purchase of canal stock, the interest of which is said to be paid with great punctuality. If £10,000,000 of our debentures were in the strong boxes of Berlin or Parisian financiers, what do we suppose would be the kind of exhortation used to ensure punctual payment?

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EXCURSION FARES TO KIAMA.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I would take the liberty of using the influence of your valuable columns to call the attention of the Railway Commissioners to a strange anomaly in the special excursion fares to Kiama. The regular return fare from Sydney to Kiama, available for one month, is 8s. 6d.; while to-day, as an inducement for friends visiting friends, or to see the beautiful scenery on that trip, the charge for a return ticket, available to 31st January next, is 10s. 3d. I mean second class in both cases. Surely there must be some mistake here, which perhaps this notice may be the means of rectifying.

I am, &c.,
A VICTIM.

Mrs. Margaret Fox Kane, widow of the Artic explorer, and one of the Fox Sisters, whose manifestations as "spirit mediums" cased so much sensation a number of years ago, appeared with her sister before an audience at the Academy of Music lately, and made a full exposure of the methods by which they produced their spirit-rappings. Mrs. Kane (says *St. James's Gazette*) desires by this means to give a death-blow to Spiritualism. She claims that the sounds are produced by certain muscles of the leg. A plain wooden stool or table, resting upon four legs and having the properties of a sounding board, was placed in front of her. Removing her shoe, she placed her right foot upon the table. The entire house became breathlessly still and was rewarded by a number of little short raps—those mysterious sounds which have for more than 30 years bewildered hundreds of thousands of people. A committee, consisting of three physicians, taken from the audience, then ascended to the stage, and, having made an examination of Mrs. Kane's foot during the progress of the rappings, unhesitatingly agreed that the sounds were made by the action of the first joint of her great toe.

Epps's Cocoa.—Grateful and Comforting.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected Cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately-flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. Hundreds of subtle maladies are floating around us ready to attack wherever there is a weak point. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame."—Civil Service Gazette. Made simply with boiling water or milk. Sold in ½lb. packets, by grocers, labelled thus—"James Epps and Co., Homœopathic Chemists, London."—[Advt.]

Teeth Like Pearls.—White and sound teeth, healthy gums and fragrant breath ensured to those who use Rowland's Odonto, a pure and non-gritty tooth powder; it prevents decay, and polishes and preserves the enamel. Rowland's Kalydor beautifies the complexion. Ask chemists for Rowland's.—[Advt.]

MISS MARY ANDERSON, our beautiful cousin, is good enough to say of PEARS' SOAP: "I have used it for two years with the greatest satisfaction, for I find it the very best." Pears' Soap for toilet and nursery. Specially prepared for the delicate skin of ladies and children.—[Advt.]

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

THE TURF.

The summer meeting of the A. J. C. takes place at Randwick to-day, and the lengthy and varied programme provided for the occasion should bring about excellent sport. The improvements recently effected in the saddling paddock and the approaches thereto have been fully described in these columns, and visitors will do well to note that the new traffic regulations which have been issued by the A. J. C. will be brought into operation, and the vehicular portion thereof will be enforced by the Transit Commissioners. With the exception of private vehicles for the centre of the course only, for which the old entrance gates have been reserved, all wheeled traffic must be conducted by the new approaches, the members of the A. J. C. using the left-hand drive, and the general public the right, while pedestrians will be left in sole possession of the central path between the carriage-ways. Passengers by ordinary tram will be set down at the new platform opposite the main entrance, proceeding to their various destinations by the paths indicated by notice boards; and visitors by special tram will be carried to the old platform, whence they can enter the paddock by the southern gate, near the tan crossing, and, up to the time of starting for the first event, can proceed to the lawn by way of the weighing-yard, and thus avoid the crowd that congregates at the back of the official stand. This should be a great convenience, especially to the ladies. In the usual place among our advertisements will be found the tramway regulations, and the regular means of reaching the course by road will be also available. Racing commences punctually at 12.30 p.m., when the horses engaged in the Flying Handicap will be sent on their mission. Cinderella and Tilburn are at the head of the list for this event, but the former is likely to be reserved for better things, and the latter seems to have been somewhat overrated. In the face of the fact that Faith has been backed for the Summer Cup, her absence here may be regarded as a foregone conclusion, and, at the weights, Second Thought, Charming, First Game, and Glen Elgin appear to be the hardest to beat, while on Monday's running at Rosehill, Tuscarora is entitled to considerable respect. An interesting contest is likely to be witnessed for the December Stakes, and as the Maribyrnong Plate winner, Necklet, will be encumbered with a penalty, the brunt of the battle is likely to fall upon Rudolph, by Martini-Henry from Rusk; Federation, by Goldsbrough from Thirza; and Neta, by The Drummer from Young Emily. A fine field may be expected to leave the paddock for the Hurdle Race, and, unless Ravensworth be in his best form, the places may be filled by Drilldool, Last King, and Bellringer, while Native seems to be the best of the outside division. The Selling Plate follows; but such races are invariably beset with danger, and had better be left alone. The leading event of the day—the Summer Cup—is almost certain to attract a numerous field, and a great race is sure to be witnessed. The top weight, Cardigan, together with the others under the charge of James Mayo, have arrived, but up to date the son of Goldsbrough has not found favour in the market. Neither has Algerian found his way into the quotations to any extent; while the weight allotted to Theorist should be sufficient to keep him in the ruck. Cinderella, Plutarch, Lamond, Touchstone, Vespasia, Willeroo, Faith, Pentagon, Ellerdale, and Pearlshell each have a following, and perhaps the winner may be found among Cinderella, Plutarch, and Lamond, while Pearlshell may be the best of the others. Should Alchemist strip, the Nursery Handicap appears to be at his mercy, and in his absence, Defiance and the Hon. J. White's best should be the hardest to beat. The A.J.C. Handicap presents a very open appearance, but Stockwell, Maggie, and Savant may be the best in. The full programme will be found in another part of this issue.

Trainers and jockeys are reminded that tickets for the supplementary meeting of the the Sydney Driving Park Club, Limited, can be procured from the secretary, Mr. F. R. Morley, during this forenoon.

The bill of fare provided by the Rosehill Racing Club for their January meeting, to be held on the 8th proximo, will engage the attention of owners and trainers of racing stock to-morrow, when, at 4 p.m., entries close with the secretary, Mr. G. B. Rowley, for the following events:—Granville Stakes, a handicap of 100 sovs., second horse to receive 10 sovs. from the prize, for all horses that have never won a prize of the value of 95 sovs. at the time of starting, 6½ furlongs; Maiden Hurdle Race, a handicap of 100 sovs., second horse to receive 10 sovs. from the prize, for all horses that have never won a hurdle race at the time of starting, 2 miles; Clyde Handicap, of 100 sovs., second horse to receive 10 sovs. from the prize, 1 mile and 3 furlongs; Auction Stakes, of 100 sovs., w.f.a., winner to be sold for 100 sovs., selling allowances, 7 furlongs; and Welter Handicap, of 100 sovs., second horse to receive 10 sovs. from the prize, lowest weight 8st. 7lb., 1 mile and 1 furlong. The entry fee of 1 sov. covers all expenses.

Our Victorian friends are not likely to have large fields at their Boxing Day meeting under the auspices of the Victoria Amateur Turf Club. Only nine are left in the Summer Cup, and Malua, Newmarket, and Menotti may occupy the places, while Promotion should be able to lower the colours of the half-a-dozen opposed to him in the Steeplechase.

AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB SUMMER MEETING.

The following is the bill of fare set down for discussion at Randwick to-day on the occasion of the A. J. C. Summer reunion:—

The Flying Handicap—6 furlongs.

	st	lb		st	lb		st	lb
Cinderella	9	12	Glen Elgin	7	11	Nor'-Easter	6	11
Tilburn	9	5	Charcoal	7	9	Fernandez	6	11
Stockwell	8	7	First Game	7	9	Second Tho'ght	6	9
Kenneth	8	7	Lonely	7	7	Steeltrap	6	9
Consequence	8	5	Paddy	7	7	Lady Kingsborough	6	7
Faith	8	5	Lady Lovel	7	4			
Burrilda	8	5	Hoppicker	7	4	Charming	6	7
Elcho	8	3	Fuse	7	4	Bonnie Doon	6	5
Bay II.	8	3	Otto	7	2	Home Rule	6	5
The Miner	8	3	Barter	7	2	Cobweb	6	3
Amina	8	0	Richworth	7	2	The Hypocrite	6	3
T. W.	8	0	Sinecure	7	0	Steel Arrow	6	3
Gloire di Dijon	8	0	Tuscarora	7	0	Pastmaster	6	0
The Gift	7	11	Recruit	7	0	The Rajah	6	0
Esperance	7	11						

December Stakes.

Br f Seagull, by Wellington—Sea Swallow
Bl f, by Monmouth—White and Blue
B c Mohawk, by Splendour (imp.)—Emelia
B f Minuette, by Goldsbrough—Melody
B or br f Necklet, by Musket (imp.)—Locket (imp.)
Br c Federation, by Goldsbrough—Thirza
B f Rose, by Sardonyx—Rosedale
B f Pretty Kate, by Crown Prince—Cerito
B f Neta (late Nina), by the Drummer (imp.)—Young Emily
B f Ellerstone, by Goldsbrough—Ethel
B or br c Knight Templar, by Gemma-di-Vergy (imp.)—Maltese Cross (imp.)
B or br g, by The Pontiff—Victress
B f Ianthe, by Chester—Iolanthe
Br g Rudolph, by Martini-Henri—Rusk
B f, by Monmouth—Stella
Ch f, by Goldsbrough—Paradigm
B f, by Epigram (imp.)—Coomassie
B c Savanak, by Albans (imp.)—Seaspray.

The Hurdle Race—2 miles.

	st	lb		st	lb		st	lb
Ravensworth	12	12	The Arrow	10	0	Native	9	5
Minstrel Boy	11	11	Hubert	9	11	Bagpipes	9	3
Bellringer	11	9	Wayfarer	9	9	Yadbro	9	3
Cracksman	11	0	Marksman	9	9	Major	9	3
Drilldool	10	8	Marigold	9	7	Gobolion	9	0
Glenvale	10	6	Last King	9	7	Chang	9	0
Attraction	10	3	Ayrshire	9	5			

Selling Race—1 mile.

Sir Ronald	Dagobert	Astræa	Here's Luck
Tilburn	Glenvale	Creeper	The Felon
Gloire de Dijon	Al'andale	Jeremy Diddler	Drucilla
The Miner	Lady Lovel	Recruit	Singleton Maid
Phaon	Prairie Rose	Otto	Spoilt Child
Morok			

The Summer Cup—1½ mile.

	st	lb		st	lb		st	lb
Cardigan	9	0	Dilisk	7	4	Faith	6	12
Algerian	8	12	Locksley	7	4	Eyry	6	12
Theorist	8	10	Vespasia	7	4	T. W.	6	10
Honeydew	8	6	Kenneth	7	4	Hugo	6	10
Cinderella	8	6	Stockwell	7	2	Rebel	6	8
Invader	8	4	Burrilda	7	2	Pentagon	6	8
Leichhardt	8	2	Lancer	7	2	The Gift	6	4
Wycombe	8	0	Willeroo	7	2	Tongy	6	4
Plutarch	7	12	Savant	7	0	Ellerdale	6	2
Frisco	7	10	S'th'rly Buster	7	0	Otto	6	2
Lamond	7	8	Harold	7	0	Artisan	6	2
Pearlshell	7	6	Victory	7	0	Home Rule	6	0
Touchstone	7	6						

The Nursery Handicap—5 furlongs.

	st	lb		st	lb		st	lb
Alchemist	8	8	Emulous	7	9	Tea Tray	7	5
Knight Templ.	8	4	Rebellion	7	9	Ré	7	5
Little Norman	8	2	The Tyler	7	9	Seagull	7	3
Defiance	8	2	Ianthe	7	9	Alice	7	3
Acton	8	0	Spice	7	9	Sophy	7	0
Grayling	8	0	Pretty Kate	7	9	Minuette	6	12
Eddy	8	0	Fast Asleep	7	9	Danger	6	10
Neotsfield	7	11	Bluette	7	9	Rose	6	7
Poet	7	11	Muriel	7	7	Rosina	6	7
Dalley	7	11	Phœbe	7	7			

The A. J. C. Handicap—1¼ mile.

	st	lb		st	lb		st	lb
The Queen	9	5	Savant	7	9	Pentagon	7	3
Yabba	9	0	Southerly B'str	7	9	Charcoal	7	0
Willeroo	8	7	Harold	7	9	Minstrel Boy	7	0
St. Louis	8	5	Faith	7	7	Artisan	6	11
Phaon	8	3	Bay II.	7	7	Esperance	6	9
Here's Luck	8	3	Hugo	7	7	Bellarmin	6	7
Dilisk	8	0	Eyrie	7	7	Unnamed	6	7
Vespasia	8	0	Elcho	7	5	Home Rule	6	4
Locksley	8	0	Gloire di Dijon	7	5	Thetis	6	2
Stockwell	7	11	Bellringer	7	5	Lady Lyon	6	2
Simon	7	11	Lord Prix	7	3	Bonnie Doon	6	0
Burrilda	7	11	T. W.	7	3	Singleton Maid	6	0
Maggie	7	9						

CRICKET.

The match between the Sixth Australian Eleven and an eleven of New South Wales will be resumed at the Association Cricket Ground to-day.

The sixth intercolonial cricket match between representative teams from the Victorian and Sydney Railway Cricket Clubs was commenced on Wentworth Park yesterday. Mr. F. Elliott, who captained the locals, won the toss from Mr. W. Cook, the Victorian captain, and decided to bat. The captain and Sherlock were the first pair to oppose the Victorian bowling, and Sherlock, having scored 19, was caught out. Symonds followed, but was bowled by Grubb after making 11. Elliott, after playing a good innings of 32, was bowled by Dyson. Poole, who scored 63, should have been caught twice, by the wicketkeeper previous to his scoring 10. These mistakes cost the Victorians over 50 runs before he was run out. Silcocks, though he made 24, did not altogether fancy the bowling. Webster made a good stand for his score, but shared Poole's luck and was thrown out. Phillips, from the score he has made and the form he is in, should give the Victorians some trouble. About 1000 visitors assembled at the match. The following are the scores:—

Sydney Railway C.C.

F. Elliott, b Dyson	32	Silcocks, st. b Grubb	24
Sherlock, c Bullock, b Copperstone	19	Phillips, not out	12
Symons, b Grubb	11	Davidson, b Copperstone	0
Webster, thrown out	11	Sundries	5
Poole, run out	63		
Hall, b Copperstone	24	Total	200

AQUATICS.

The following extract from *The Field* will interest our local yachtsmen:—Rumours of an International Yacht Race in 1889.—The latest American despatches to hand state that much excitement prevails in yachting circles through the probability of a challenge being received by the New York Yacht Club from the Scotch cutter Thistle, after she has undergone extensive alterations. In fact, the yachting fraternity of America are under the impression that the challenge is on its way at present from England. Meanwhile the Irish yachtsmen have been quietly building a sloop yacht of tolerably large dimensions from Richardson's designs, with which it is said they propose to challenge for the cup. This will be another steel beauty. Her name is to be the Shamrock, and she will be owned by the Jamiesons, of Irish whisky fame, and the present owners of the famous cutter Irex, also designed by Richardson. The Royal Irish Yacht Club would in this case be the probable challengers, for Mr. Jamieson is one of its members. Mr. Walter Reeks, the Australian designer, who was a pupil of Mr. Richardson, has, after a brief visit to Boston, left New York for England. However, yachtsmen in America do not think that the Australians will challenge. There are as yet sixty-one days left to receive, agree on, and accept any challenge.

MINING INTELLIGENCE.

Mount Morgan Extended Gold-mining Company, Limited, December 15.—Crosscut from main shaft has been extended a further distance of 3ft.; total distance from shaft, 59ft. Ground is still hard, grey diorite. On account of our water being exhausted we were compelled to stop the machinery, and consequently all work is stopped in main shaft. I have taken out the old boiler and the buildings over same, and am now making every preparation for building in new one. I have got the greatest portion of bricks, limestone, and sand on the mine. No. 1, or main winze, has been sunk a further depth of 6½ft.; total depth, 24½ft. from bottom of main tunnel. Country in the bottom of this winze is composed of almost solid mundic. Water is increasing in this winze, but not of a sufficient quantity to prevent us sinking still deeper with windlass.

HORNSBY AND HOLT-SUTHERLAND ROADS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Your leader this morning on the above subject is so manifestly one-sided and unjust to a majority of the Select Committee who have inquired into the above subject that I am constrained, out of pure charity, to believe you have been misinformed. Have things political in very truth come to this pass under a "pure and honest Government" that it has become "a Parliamentary crime" and "a political blunder" to expose what I venture to say will be considered by all honest persons as one of the grossest misapplications of public money yet brought to light. Under ordinary circumstances I should refrain from alluding in the press to what has yet to be considered by Parliament, but the nature of your attack leaves no other course open, unless I and other members of the committee are prepared to rest under unmerited condemnation on your ex parte statement, which I for one am not prepared to do, and especially so, as I must be absent from the colony for probably the next two or three weeks.

Now let us see what grounds you have for your violent attack on our honour and political honesty. The committee was appointed on the 15th of November, "To inquire into and report upon the work of the unemployed in clearing, forming, and making roads through the property, near Hornsby, owned by Messrs. Burns, Withers, and R. B. Smith, and also those made through the Holt-Sutherland Estate, and other private properties." The committee commenced their inquiry with the Hornsby roads, and having concluded that portion of their labours, passed on to the Holt-Sutherland Estate, which they also concluded, but their commission was not exhausted, inasmuch as it embraced "other private properties," which is certainly somewhat of a roving commission. In fulfilling the thankless and unpaid duty imposed on them by Parliament, the committee have held 12 lengthy meetings, and have examined 21 witnesses, six of whom have been twice re-examined, and in addition have devoted three whole days to visiting and making ourselves acquainted with the roads in question.

You say, "It was complained on the part of the Government that the evidence of some witnesses had been refused, that a progress report had been hurried up for political purposes," &c., and it is evident by the tenor of your leader that you endorse these statements. Let us see what is the value of these complaints. We separately examined Messrs. Burns, Withers, and Smith. At Mr. Burns' own request we left him to the last of the Hornsby inquiry, and, altogether contrary to precedent, furnished him (a witness) with a copy of all the evidence previously taken. We examined (if I remember rightly at Mr. Burns' suggestion) Mr. Dawson, their private surveyor, and Mr. Henry Gorman, and then some 10 days after the inquiry was virtually closed and after the draft report was circulated when there was only two days left in which to adopt a report and get it before Parliament before the expected prorogation, Mr. Burns wrote asking us to examine a gentleman with reference to the value of Crown lands lying to the east of these roads, which of itself was not very material to the inquiry, and in any case we had already received abundant evidence thereon. Here let me point out that the original intention of the committee was to carry the inquiry to the roads at Narrabeen and some other places, but time did not permit of this being done prior to the expected prorogation, which was to have taken place last Friday. I myself asked Mr. Brunker if he could give us any assurance that the prorogation would not take place before Christmas, but he could not do so. What, then, were the committee to do? Were we to let the prorogation take place without bringing up a report, which was practically completed as far as Hornsby and Holt-Sutherland were concerned, and was only termed a "Progress Report," because the inquiry had not included "the other private properties?" or were we to let the session close, and thereby annihilate the committee and all its labours while we hushed up the result of this inquiry, and allowed this immaculate Casual Labour Board to dispense their favours at the public expense for another five or six months before Parliament should again meet, when, judging by the temper displayed by Government supporters last Friday, I venture to think no other, or a much more pliant committee would have been appointed? A majority of the committee, therefore, deemed it their imperative duty to bring up a report and for the present to leave unexamined this witness which Mr. Burns had had abundance of opportunity of having summoned during the month the committee had been sitting, and whose evidence might or might not have been favourable to his cause.

Mr. Withers also at the last moment wrote asking to be re-examined, but as his letter was sufficiently indicative of the new evidence he wished to tender, we, for the reasons given above, declined to re-open the inquiry, but ordered his letter to be printed as an appendix to the report. Now this is all the additional evidence which in any case would have been taken with respect to these two properties, if no prorogation had been anticipated. And I will ask any fair-minded man, either in or out of Parliament, whether the main issues could have been in any material way affected by it. However, the report brought up by the committee being only a progress report, and Parliament not having prorogued, we shall now have an opportunity of taking this additional evidence. As to the printed evidence, this was all circulated days before the report was adopted, except that taken at the re-hearing of Mr. John Davies, which related exclusively to the roads on the Holt-Sutherland Estate, and the financial management of the Casual Labour Board, and therefore in no way affected Messrs. Burns, Withers, and Smith, except, perhaps, Mr. Burns indirectly as the keeper of the public purse. But even this evidence, which could be read over in a quarter of an hour, was circulated the night before the adoption of the report.

I think these explanations should sufficiently exonerate the committee from the charges made that a progress report had been hurried up for political purposes; and I will now show you are in error in saying, "The evidence given so far gives only an imperfect view of the case." I have already shown that the committee examined Messrs. Burns, Withers, and Smith, also their private surveyor and Mr. Gorman. We also examined each of the members of the Casual Labour Board twice over, viz., Mr. John Davies, C.M.G. (chairman), also Colonel Wells and Mr. Harrison, the professional members of the board. We also twice examined Mr. Hinchcliffe, the secretary to the board, and more particularly with respect to the Hornsby-road, we examined Mr. Deering, metropolitan district surveyor; Mr. Gordon, licensed surveyor, whose services had been made available for the board; Mr. M'Keown, Crown lands ranger; Mr. Little, surveyor to the board; and Mr. O'Donnell, overseer in charge of the works. We also examined Mr. Oliver, ex-Under-Secretary for Lands, and Mr. Whitton, Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, with respect to the platforms to which some of these roads lead. We did not call Mr. Bennett, Commissioner for Roads, because we have his report in full amongst the papers referred to us. Then, with respect to the Holt-Sutherland roads, we examined the Casual Labour Board and their secretary, also Mr. Murphy, the legal manager of the Holt-Sutherland Company; Mr. Burrows, the superintendent in charge of the works; and Mr. Sanderson, a surveyor subordinate to him. I think, therefore, the evidence with respect to both properties, amounting to 106 pages without appendices, should give a very extensive, and not by any means "an imperfect view of the case," especially considering there were four Government supporters on the committee, including one of the present Ministers, and I have no hesitation in stating as my individual opinion that if the committee had sat for six months longer no additional evidence of value could have been brought with respect to the roads on these two properties.

Dec. 24.

I am, &c.,
HENRY COPELAND.

KISSING ANOTHER FELLOW'S SISTER.

People say it's funny, but it is so, that young fellows like kissing other fellows' sisters better than their own. We suppose it's a matter of taste, just like preferring Arnott's Milk Arrowroot Biscuits to all other kinds, because they taste so much nicer.—[Advt.]

HOW THE PUBLIC ARE CAUGHT BY TRADE COMBINATIONS.

(*From the Pall Mall Gazette.*)

Now that trade combinations, or "Trusts," as they are termed, are coming into vogue in this country, it will be of interest to the public to learn how they affect the consumer in the countries where they have been for some time in operation. The United States are notoriously "Trust" ridden; but Canada is also under the influence of combinations, and it is from that country we propose to draw some experiences. The information is furnished authoritatively, as it comes to us in the form of an official report of a Select Committee appointed by the House of Commons of Canada on the 29th of February, 1888. The committee held 26 meetings, took ample evidence, and reported on May 16. The subjects examined were sugar and groceries, coal, biscuits and confectionery, combination against Canadian watchcase manufacturers, barbed wire, binder twine, agricultural implements, stoves, coffin-makers and undertakers, oatmeal millers, combination of eggdealers, barley, and the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association. The committee found generally that the evils produced by combinations such as they inquired into have not by any means been fully developed, but sufficient evidence of their injurious tendencies and effects was given to justify legislative action for suppressing the evils arising therefrom. The Ban of the Wholesale Grocers: The Dominion Grocers' Guild is a good illustration of the evils arising from the system. It was formed in 1884, and included nearly the whole of the wholesale dealers in groceries and manufacturers of confectioneries and biscuits. Using their powers they arranged with the sugar refiners to obtain for their members more favourable terms than outsiders. The guild also entered into agreements with manufacturers of tobacco, starch, and other commodities, under which the prices for these goods to the retailer were fixed by the guild, and enforced under penalty of being deprived of the right to purchase except at higher prices. In short, the facts brought out proved that the guild was "obnoxious to the public interest, in limiting competition, in enhancing prices, and by the familiar use of its growing and facile powers tending to produce and propagate all the evils of monopoly. Certain dealers are refused admission into its ranks; others are admitted and afterwards expelled; others are again placed under its ban who, from conscientious scruples or a spirit of independence, refuse to join them. Thus establishments which in some cases are the growth of half a century of fair and honourable dealing, and rich in valuable experience and public confidence, are threatened with extinction." The ordinary excuse of undue competition was absent in this case, as the wholesale grocery trade had been for many years in a flourishing condition, with failures almost unknown. The Oaths of the Coal Combination: Combinations exist among coal dealers in Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, and London. In Toronto the coal association is affiliated with the Toronto Board of Trade. It has some 56 members, about half-a-dozen of whom are importers and the others retailers, and get their supplies from the former at 75 cents per ton less than the price charged the consumer. The most arbitrary rules are enacted. Detectives are employed, and the dealers placed under surveillance. Oaths of fidelity to the constitution and rules are required, not only of the members, but also of their salesmen. The penalties for the violation of the oath are heavy fines or expulsion, the bulk of the fines being divided among the importers. When public tenders for coal are asked for a meeting is called, at which the price is fixed, and the privilege of filling the contract is awarded to the member who offers the highest premium or bonus. The premiums thus paid are divided among the importing members in the same way as the fines. In order to lull public suspicion of a combination, tenders at higher prices are put in. Ordinary consumers, in the same way, have to pay, not competitive prices, but such fixed prices as the combination chooses to extort. The Coffin-makers in League: Even the coffin manufacturers and dealers in undertakers' supplies have an extensive combination. It is extremely difficult and generally impossible for a man to commence the business as undertaker, as the association controls not only the sale of coffins and caskets, but also all fittings and undertakers' supplies of every description. As in other combinations, its members are dealt with by fines and expulsions. The inevitable result of this exclusive control is exorbitant charges to bereaved families. Putting down Prices: Combinations are not always on the "bull" tack. The leading dealers in eggs in Ontario who buy for export have combined to keep prices low in the principal cities, so as to lower prices in the rural sections. Agents appointed by the association in the cities will use supplies to force down the prices for home consumption. This reacts in favour of their buyers in the country, who thus buy cheaper for export. In localities where a rival buyer is found, a powerful ring can easily outbid him until he is driven out of the business, and the field left without a competitor. Raising the rates of Insurance: A powerful association combining the English, American, and Canadian companies doing fire insurance business in Canada, has existed since 1883. "The effects upon the insuring public have been decidedly injurious. It extends its operations to every portion of the Dominion, and higher rates have been the rule in nearly every instance." In consequence of these conditions, a large number of first-class risks in Canada, and involving large amounts, are placed with companies in the United States not having offices in Canada. In some few cases it appears that the combinations have not unduly raised prices, but the "simple plan that they may take who have the power" generally governs the operations of these associations.

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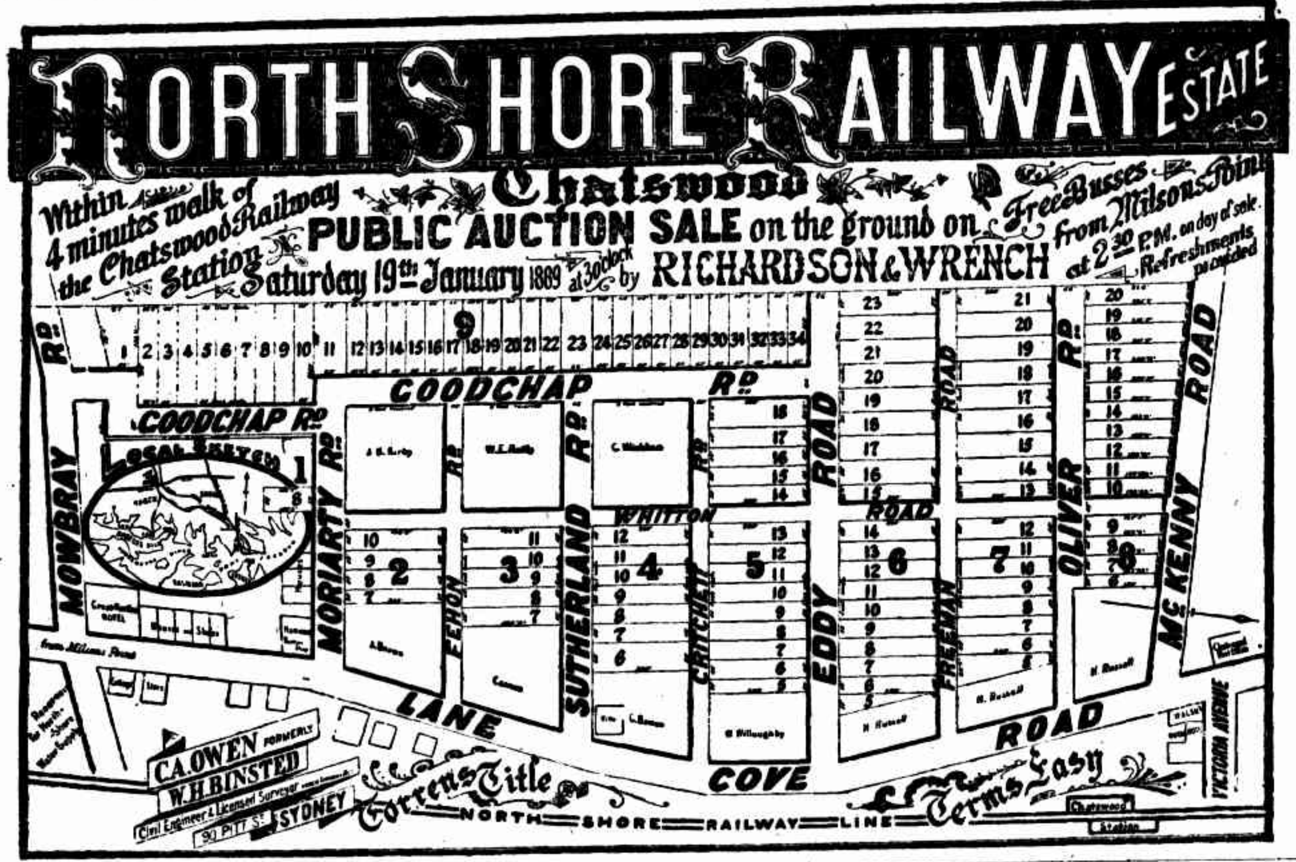
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At the
SPACIOUS AUCTION ROOMS,
348, GEORGE-STREET.
LAST IMPORTANT UNRESERVED SALE
of
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS
(this year).
Removed for the convenience of sale from several important houses in the suburbs.
Comprising—
GLASS, CHINA, and ELECTRO-PLATED WARE
DINING-ROOM FURNITURE of the best description
ELEGANT DRAWING-ROOM FURNITURE
WALNUT UPRIGHT GRAND PIANOFORTES by various makers
SPLENDID AMERICAN WALNUT CHAMBER ORGANS
BLACK-AND-GOLD OVERMANTELS
BOOKCASES, CHESTS DRAWERS, &c.
BLACK-AND-GOLD STATE BEDSTEADS and BEDDING
BED and TABLE LINEN of the best description
KITCHEN UTENSILS and SUNDRIES.

WALTER BRADLEY, Jun., will sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on SATURDAY, 29th DECEMBER, at 348, GEORGE-STREET,
A large and valuable collection of household furniture and effects, at 11 a.m. punctually.
Further particulars will be duly published.

AUCTIONEERS' SPECIAL NOTICE.
ALEXANDER MOORE and CO. desire to intimate that they are prepared to conduct Outdoor Sales by Auction of every description of Goods on the most liberal terms.
Special facilities are offered to Importers of Furniture for the display of their goods to the best advantage in our large Show Rooms, the goods being unpacked, put in order, and catalogued under the supervision of a member of the Firm.
To parties giving up housekeeping or leaving the colony, we offer special facilities, either by purchasing privately, selling on the premises or in the Rooms.
Valuations made and Inventories furnished on the shortest notice.
Sales of NEW FURNITURE ONLY, English and Colonial, held in the Rooms every WEDNESDAY at 11 a.m.
Sales of New and Second-hand Furniture, &c., held every MONDAY and FRIDAY at 11 a.m.
Furniture carefully packed for removal to the country or for shipment by an efficient staff of assistants.
Advances made—without interest—against any Goods for sale by auction.
ALEXANDER MOORE and CO., 245 and 247, Pitt-street.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, at 11 a.m.
Under instructions from Mr. C. WESTBROOK, 311, GEORGE-STREET.
The WHOLE of his MAGNIFICENT
and
WELL-ASSORTED STOCK
of
Choice Brands of CIGARS, CIGARETTES.
Sterling Silver CIGAR, CIGARETTE, and CARD CASES
Silver-mounted MEERSCHAUM and BRIAR PIPES
Best Brands of PIPES, MOUNTS, &c.
CIGAR and CIGARETTE HOLDERS, TOBACCO, &c.
Valuable FIXTURES and FITTINGS.

B. R. HARRIS and CO. have received instructions from Mr. C. WESTBROOK to sell the above by auction, on the premises, 311, George-street, FRIDAY, December 28, at 11 a.m.,
WITHOUT RESERVE.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, at 11 a.m.
On the Premises of J. CLARKE and CO., 170, Pitt-street.
SALE BY AUCTION of FIRST-CLASS FURNITURE, consisting of
DRAWING-ROOM SUITES
Walnut Centre Tables, Occasional Tables, Music Cabinets, Overmantels, Gipsy Tables, &c., &c.
MAGNIFICENT WALNUT PIANO
DINING-ROOM SUITES, in real Leather, Haircloth Chairs, Sideboards, Dinner Waggons, Chiffonieres, Bookcases, Vases, Ornaments, &c., &c.
BEDROOM SUITES in Cedar and Walnut (bevelled glass), Chest Drawers, Washstands, Toilet Tables, Toilet Glasses, Half-Tester Bedsteads, Wire and Kapok Mattresses, Kitchen Tables, Safes, Wine Glasses, Tea Sets, &c., &c.

N. HERMAN has received instructions from J. Clarke and Co., to sell by auction, as above, on the premises, 170, Pitt-street, on THURSDAY, December 27, at 11 a.m.
Terms, cash.

TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, at 11 o'clock.
On the Premises, 209, Oxford-street, opposite Darlinghurst Court house.
STOCK of TWEEDS, WOOLLENS, TRIMMINGS
Haberdashery, Men's Mercery, and Sundries.
Shop Fittings, Counters, Mirrors, Show Glasses.
Also, SMALL STOCK of JEWELLERY.

DUNN and WEBB have received instructions from Mr. P. Rosenberg to sell by auction, as above.

SALE AT GOSFORD.
NEW YEAR'S DAY, 1st JANUARY, 1889.
ON THE GROUND, 3 O'CLOCK.
FARMS and ORCHARDS at RUNNIMEDE,
ERINA, GOSFORD.
RETURN TICKETS, 2s 6d each.
WITHERS and CALLAGHAN, 136, PITT-STREET.

MA! BUY ME A BLOCK OF SOVEREIGNTOWN for a New Year's Present.

ASSOCIATION CRICKET GROUND.
BOXING DAY. BOXING DAY.
GRAND SCORING.—Australian Eleven: First innings, 254; second innings, one out for 125.
New South Wales: First innings, 343.
DON'T FORGET THE GRAND CRICKET MATCH.

THE Army and Navy Filter at 8s 6d during Bray Bros. Great Annual Discount Sale.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 1889.
BOWRAL.
LARGE FAMILY RESIDENCE, with 53¼ acres of highly improved grounds, within a mile of the Railway Station, and only 3½ hours' run from Sydney.

MILLS and PILE have received instructions from A. H. K. MAXWELL, Esq., to sell by auction, at their Rooms, 130, Pitt-street, Sydney, on THURSDAY, 10th January, at 11.30,
That highly desirable and well known property,
CRAIGIEBURN,
a handsome villa residence, containing spacious hall, 14 rooms, 2 bathrooms, pantries, storerooms, cellar, kitchen, laundry fitted with modern improvements, and water laid on; verandah on three sides, enclosed with glass on the south side; large underground tanks and iron tanks. The out offices comprise a dairy, coachhouse, harness-room, stable with 5 stalls, grain-room, large hayshed, and loft over, milking shed. At entrance gates there is a lodge containing 4 rooms, and on northern portion of property a gardener's cottage containing 3 rooms; also, splendid poultry yard, pig styes, &c., &c.
The area of LAND is 53 ACRES 1 ROOD 12 PERCHES, fronting the main road, and a great portion is laid out into orchard, flower garden, lawns, plantations, kitchen gardens, &c. The balance is divided into paddocks and sown with the best grasses.
The auctioneers wish to draw the attention of all persons on the lookout for a first-class country seat, investors, speculators, and others to the sale of
CRAIGIEBURN, BOWRAL,
situate as it is within a mile of the railway station, and convenient to churches, post and telegraph office, stores, &c., as it is seldom such a desirable property comes into the market which is so well adapted for residential, college, hotel, or subdivision purposes, and has only to be inspected to be appreciated. The Melbourne express stops at Bowral daily.
THE TITLE IS TORRENS'.
TERMS OF CREDIT IF REQUIRED.
CARDS to inspect can be obtained on application to the auctioneers, or Mr. J. Patterson, in charge of the property.
MILLS and PILE, 130, PITT-STREET.

TO SAWMILL PROPRIETORS, TIMBER-GETTERS, and CONTRACTORS.
PROSPECT OLD ROAD, near PARRAMATTA, about 1½ miles from Wentworthville Station.
THURSDAY, 10th JANUARY, 1889.
TWO HUNDRED and FIFTY ACRES LAND,
with
FINE TIMBER and GOOD SOIL,
and
LARGE FRONTAGE TO THE PROSPECT-ROAD.
Freehold Title. Part of C. Whalan's 700 acre Grant.

MILLS and PILE have received instructions to sell by public auction, at their Rooms, 130, Pitt-street, on THURSDAY, the 10th January, 1889, at 11.30,
A GRAND BLOCK of LAND,
about 16 miles from Sydney,
comprising
250 ACRES VERY VALUABLE TIMBER LAND.
Ironbark, gum, and box.
The IMPROVEMENTS consist of cottage, sheds, &c. Land all fenced. About 25 acres cleared.
NEAR WENTWORTHVILLE STATION.

PRELIMINARY.
CITY, SURRY HILLS, PROPERTY.
THURSDAY, 10th JANUARY, 1889.
To
CAPITALISTS, INVESTORS, and TRUSTEES.
SALE OF
HOTEL and TERRACE PROPERTY.
HOTEL, situate at corner of Marshall and Cook streets, and two Houses adjoining, being Nos. 52, 54, 56, Marshall-street, on Land 75 x 50, producing a rental of £248 6s per annum.
TERRACE of 6 HOUSES, situate in Cleveland-street, producing a rental of £327 12s per annum.
TERRACE of 9 HOUSES, situate in Goodlet-street, producing a rental of £280 16s per annum.
Also,
TWO COTTAGES and Yard at rear of above, producing a rental of £46 16s per annum.

MILLS and PILE have been instructed to sell by public auction, at their Sydney Auction Mart, on THURSDAY, the 10th JANUARY, 1889, at 11.30, the above INVESTMENT PROPERTIES.

IN THE CENTRE OF THE CITY OF SYDNEY.
SPLENDID INVESTMENT LEASEHOLD PROPERTY.
THURSDAY, 10th JANUARY, 1889.
THAT PALATIAL BUILDING
known as
HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE
and
HOTEL,
with
101 FEET FRONTAGE to PITT-STREET, by an average depth of 150ft., and also 24ft. FRONTAGE to MARKET-STREET.
THIS LEASE has 30 years to run from next June, at £1700 per annum.
THE THEATRE is let for a term at £5000 per annum, and the HOTEL is worth at the lowest estimate, £3000 per annum.

MILLS and PILE have been instructed by Messrs. John Shepherd and Andrew Lyell, liquidators of Her Majesty's Theatre and Grand Opera House Company of Sydney, Limited, to sell by auction, in the Sydney Auction Mart, 130, Pitt-street, Sydney, on THURSDAY, the 10th January, 1889, at half-past 12 o'clock,
HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE, Sydney,
and
the HOTEL connected therewith.
This SPLENDID PROPERTY is situate in the very centre of the City of Sydney, and no expense has been spared to make it the MOST COMPLETE THEATRE in the SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE.
The HOTEL is replete with the most modern conveniences, comprising several bars, large dining-room, 9 sitting-rooms, 50 bedrooms, billiard-rooms, extensive cellars and stores, grand staircases, elevator, kitchen, and all necessaries for efficient working; telephone, baths, lavatories, store-rooms, &c., &c.
The MARKET-STREET FRONTAGE has bar, cellar, 4 bedrooms, lavatory, &c., &c.
The CORNER, Market and Pitt streets, is occupied by the Australian Banking Company.
Full particulars and terms of sale can be obtained from the Auctioneers, 130, Pitt-street.

CITY AND COUNTY L., L., AND B. COMPANY'S ESTATE
at
KOGARAH.
CLOSE to the STATION.
AUCTION SALE, SATURDAY, 12th JANUARY.
FREE TRAIN TICKETS and PLANS.
GARRARD and HAMILTON, 76, PITT-STREET.

ASSOCIATION CRICKET GROUND.
BOXING DAY. BOXING DAY.
GRAND SCORING.—Australian Eleven: First innings, 254; second innings, one out for 125.
New South Wales: First innings, 343.
DON'T FORGET THE GRAND CRICKET MATCH.

SALE ON THE GROUND, 3 o'clock.
NEW YEAR'S DAY, JANUARY 1, 1889.
RUNNIMEDE ESTATE,
ERINA, GOSFORD.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, in conjunction with WITHERS and CALLAGHAN,
Return tickets, 2s 6d each, to intending purchasers, per Steamer GOSFORD,
which leaves on the morning of sale, 9 o'clock, from No. 4 Jetty, Circular Quay.
Lithos. from Auctioneers, or on the ground.

FOR POSITIVE SALE, TO CLOSE A PARTNERSHIP ACCOUNT.
To
CAPITALISTS, SPECULATORS, INVESTORS, and Others.
A Chance to obtain
EXTENSIVE BLOCKS of RENT-PRODUCING Leasehold TERRACES in a rapidly advancing CENTRAL position, within easy walking distance of the heart of the city,
viz.,
WENTWORTH PARK, GLEBE.
LOT 1.—TERRACES of 12 HOUSES, fronting WENTWORTH PARK-ROAD and overlooking Wentworth Park. They are built of brick, cemented, and contain each verandah and balcony in front, hall, 5 rooms, bathroom, pantry, kitchen, and washhouse, asphalted yard, gas, city water. TOTAL RENTALS, £663 per annum.
Title leasehold, about 42 years to run; ground rent, £67 10s per annum.
LOT 2.—FIVE TERRACES of Shops and Houses, built of brick, cemented, as follows :—
PREMIER-TERRACE, Six two-story Houses fronting Wentworth Park-road. They contain each verandah and balcony in front, hall, 5 rooms, bathroom pantry, kitchen, and washhouse, gas, and city water, asphalted yards
BURNS-TERRACE, Shop and Eight Houses, corner of Wentworth Park-road and Garrett-street. They contain each balcony in front, 4 rooms, kitchen and washhouse, asphalted yards
GARRETT-TERRACE, Shop and Eight Houses, fronting Cowper-street. They contain each balcony in front, 4 rooms, kitchen and washhouse, asphalted yards
M'ELHONE-TERRACE, Butcher's Shop and Five Houses, fronting Wentworth-street. They contain each balcony in front, kitchen and washhouse, asphalted yard
ABIGAIL-TERRACE, Shop and Twelve Houses, fronting Mitchell-street. They contain each balcony in front, 4 rooms, kitchen and washhouse, asphalted yard.
TOTAL RENTALS, £1421 10s per annum.
Title leasehold, about 42 years to run; ground rent, £100 per annum.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH have received instructions to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 11th JANUARY, 1889, at 11 o'clock,
The above properties at Glebe.
Terms at sale. (3598)

NORTH SHORE RAILWAY ESTATE.
CHATSWOOD, near RAILWAY STATION.
PUBLIC AUCTION SALE, ON THE GROUND,
SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 1889, at 3 o'clock.
LITHOGRAPHS IN COURSE OF PREPARATION.
(3600) RICHARDSON and WRENCH.

DISTRICT OF WOLLONGONG.
THE NOTED
MOUNT KIERA COLLIERY,
situated near Wollongong.
FOR POSITIVE SALE,
in consequence of the Proprietor, Capt. Osborne, being about to leave the colony to permanently reside in Europe.
This valuable and extensive property consists of
1688 ACRES OF FREEHOLD
and
642 ACRES OF LEASEHOLD
COAL-BEARING LANDS,
situated within 3½ miles of Woollongong Harbour, and communicating therewith by a railway from the mouth of the tunnel on the mine, to the staiths on the wharf.
The working-plant, both for mining and for carrying purposes, both by land and sea, is of the most extensive and complete character, including two steam colliers built for the present proprietor.
An Inventory of the Plant may be inspected at the Rooms, where plans of the property and of the underground workings of the mine may be seen, and the fullest information obtained. A report of the Borings of this Property, as published by the Government in their "Mines and Mineral Statistics of 1875," is also open to inspection.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH have received instructions from Captain Osborne, in consequence of his leaving the colony as above stated, to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, Sydney, early in the ensuing year, of which due notice will be given.
The MOUNT KEIRA COLLIERY consists of 2330 ACRES of COAL LANDS, forming one block, of which
1688 ACRES are FREEHOLD
and
642 ACRES are LEASEHOLD,
the latter being held as follows, viz. :—
79 Acres (Castles) for a period of 25 years, from 1st September, 1886, subject to a royalty of 6d per ton—not less than £625 in any one year—no payment to be made for proportionate time lost by strikes or lockouts. This portion is about being worked.
511 Acres Government Land, at an annual rent of £51 2s 3d, and a royalty of 6d per ton; subject to Government regulations as to the employment of labour. Mining was commenced on this block in October, 1887.
52 Acres Under Roads.—Application for these portions has been made and gazetted, and Lease is expected to issue shortly, which will be subject to the usual Government regulations as to rents.
642 Acres.
Under the whole area of this extensive property there are proved to exist
FIVE SEAMS of WORKABLE and PAYABLE COAL.
As yet only a part of the top seam of all has been made to yield up its mineral wealth, and the total area of workings on the system of bord and pillars up to the present time is estimated to be about 350 acres. The mine has been at work for about 30 years, but only within the last five years have the operations been carried on of any magnitude. The estimated average output, with its present staff of 120 hewers working one shift, is 10,000 tons a month; but with extra getters the quantity might be largely increased, and find an immediate market.
The principal tunnel is in about a mile and a-half, with two cross-cuts running to the north-east, and one due north to tap the 79 acres leasehold previously mentioned.
The railway to the shipping port meets the incline from the tunnel, and runs thence to the Shipping Staiths in Wollongong Harbour. The last three-quarters of a mile of the railway being under offer to the Government is withdrawn from this sale. The length from mouth of tunnel to staiths is 3½ miles.
All the necessary winding and hauling gear is complete, and in first-rate order, and the sea carrying on account of the mine is performed by the steamers Kurrara and Kanahooka, each of 425 tons capacity, built expressly for the proprietor by Messrs. Smit and De Mass, of Rotterdam, in the year 1883. It is estimated that the value of the working plant, without including the two steam colliers, is about £30,000, but the exact amount will be determined by valuation in the usual way.
Attention is directed to the following extract from the Government Report in their "Mines and Mineral Statistics of New South Wales," published in 1875, concerning this property :—
"Mount Keira.—Here we have a section of the seam of coal worked at the Osborne Wallsend Colliery, near Wollongong, in the county of Camden, belonging to J. Osborne, Esq., and situated about 50 miles south of Port Jackson. (See plan No. 3.) It averages about 7ft. 5in. in thickness of clean coal, without any bands in it; the average specific gravity is about 1·3; it has an excellent rock roof and floor, and the dip is about 1 in 80 to the west and north-west.
"It is a semi-bituminous coal, suitable for steam, household, smelting, blacksmith, and other purposes, and is by many captains of vessels used in preference to the more bituminous coal of the Newcastle district, and being a stronger coal, the firebars have to be put further apart. This is the No. 1 or uppermost seam of coal in the district (see letter H on plan and section No. 14), and it is found outcropping at a height of about 600ft. above the sea level, in the high ranges fronting the Wollongong Harbour, where adits are driven into it, and an incline and horse tramway of about 2½ miles in length conveys the coal from the mine to the Wollongong Harbour before described."

PRELIMINARY.
AVENEL ESTATE,
ARNCLIFFE.
BY ORDER OF THE TRUSTEES under the Will of the Hon. S. H. TERRY, deceased.
FRONTAGES to the KOGARAH and MUDDY CREEK MAIN ROADS
and other good internal roads.

BATT, RODD, and PURVES are instructed to offer for sale by PUBLIC AUCTION, ON THE GROUND,
on
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9,
at 3 p.m.,
The above splendidly-positioned block, as subdivided by Mr. Licensed Surveyor Pike.
The ESTATE is WELL ELEVATED, most of the Allotments commanding a wide range of BEAUTIFUL VIEWS of BOTANY BAY, the PACIFIC OCEAN, and surrounding LANDSCAPE.
The distance from the Railway Station is less than five minutes' easy walk.
The PUBLIC SCHOOL IS ON THE ESTATE, GAS is in the neighbourhood, and WATER SUPPLY AMPLE in all seasons.
TERMS WILL BE LIBERAL.
TITLE IS PERFECT.
LITHOGRAPHS will be obtainable in due course.

MOSSMAN'S BAY ESTATE, NORTH SHORE.
The BALANCE of UNSOLD ALLOTMENTS are for PRIVATE SALE.
BATT, RODD, and PURVES.

COLO VALE TOWNSHIP.
Opposite the Railway Station, and the Residence of the Hon. P. L. C. Shepherd, M.L.C.
TOWNSHIP AND SUBURBAN ALLOTMENTS.
AUCTION SALE on the GROUND, SATURDAY, 16th FEBRUARY.
SIEVERS and GREEN, Auctioneers.
Special train on day of Sale. Lithos. in course of preparation.
*** Inspect during the holidays.

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FRIENDS and ADHERENTS.—Our New Year Card Display opens Thursday. C. E. Fuller and Company.

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Funerals.

THE FRIENDS of Mrs. ISABELLA ASHDOWN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved SON, Alfred George; to move from No. 53, Rosehill-street, Redfern, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Necropolis. WOOD and CO., Undertakers, 799, George-street, Sydney, Balmain, Petersham, and St. Leonards.

THE FRIENDS of Messrs. WILLIAM and JAMES ASHDOWN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved BROTHER, Alfred George; to move from No. 53, Rosehill-street, Redfern, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Necropolis. WOOD and CO., Undertakers, 799, George-street, Sydney, Balmain, Petersham, St. Leon.

THE FRIENDS of Mrs. MARY MILLS, Mrs. HARRIET LUKE, and Mrs. SARAH PARKHILL are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved NEPHEW, Alfred George Ashdown; to move from No. 53, Rosehill-street, Redfern, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for the Necropolis. WOOD and CO., Undertakers, 799, George-street.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. GEORGE GRIFFITHS are respectively invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved WIFE, Helena; to move from his residence, 166, Riley-street, Woolloomooloo, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 2 o'clock, to the Waverley Cemetery. CHARLES KINSELA, 118, Oxford-street, and 765, George-street.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. CHARLES FAWCETT are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of her beloved MOTHER, Mrs. M'Caffrey; to move from her late residence, 36, Garden-street, Waterloo.

Meetings.

LINNEAN SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES. The ordinary Monthly MEETING of this Society will be held at the Linnean Hall, Elizabeth Bay, on WEDNESDAY, December 26, at 8 o'clock p.m. The following papers are announced to be read:—1. "Descriptions of Australian Micro-Lepidoptera," part XIV., by E. Meyrick. 2. "On simple Striated Muscular Fibres," by Dr. Haswell. 3. "Jottings from the Biological Laboratory, Sydney University, Nos. IX.-XI." by Dr. Haswell. 4. "Diptera of Australia, part V.," by F. A. A. Skuse. 5. "On a new Terrestrial Isopod from Lord Howe Island," by Rev. A. E. Eaton. 6. "Notes on the Synonymy and Distribution of Australian Palaichthyes, part I.," by J. D. Ogilby.
WILLIAM MACLEAY, E. P. RAMSAY, Hon. Secs.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS' ASSOCIATION OF N. S. W.—The Fifth Annual MEETING of the above will be held on THURSDAY, 27th December, 1888, at 10.30 a.m., at the Club Rooms, 118, Pitt-street. Business: 1. To receive Annual Report and Balance-sheet for 1888. 2. To elect Officers for ensuing year.
E. G. ROSENTHALL, Hon. Secretary.

THE CITY BANK.

NOTICE is hereby given that the usual Half-yearly General MEETING of the Shareholders of the City Bank will be held on TUESDAY, the 15th day of January ensuing, at noon precisely, at the Head Banking House of the Company, Pitt-street, Sydney, to receive the Report of the Board of Directors for the half year ending 31st instant; to elect two Directors in the room of James Ewan, Esq., and Edward Wrench, Esq., who retire in accordance with the provisions of the deed of settlement, but who are eligible for re-election; to elect an Auditor in the place of H. C. D'Ardier, Esq., who retires by rotation, and is not eligible for re-election; and to transact such other business as may be brought before the meeting in accordance with the deed of settlement.
By order of the Board.
WILL. NEILL, Manager.
Sydney, December 21, 1888.

N.B.—Any Shareholder becoming a Candidate for the office of Director must give notice of his intention to the Board of Directors, in writing, to be left at the Head Banking House of the Company fourteen days at the least before the day of election, as required by clause 5 of part 3 of the deed of settlement.

Public Notices.

JOSEPH DARNTON.—Pursuant to a Judgment of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, England, made in an action of Marsland v. Guest, 1886, M., No. 298, dated the 6th day of February, 1886, and of an order in the said action, dated the 30th day of October, 1888, dispensing with service of Notice of the said Judgment upon Joseph Darnton hereinafter named, and any person claiming by, through, or under him, the said Joseph Darnton, if living, or, if dead, any person or persons claiming by, through, or under him, is or are hereby required to come in and establish his or their respective claims to a share of the property to which the action relates, at the Chambers of Mr. Justice Stirling, Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, on or before the 4th day of April, 1889, or, in default thereof, he or they will, after the expiration of the time so limited, be bound by the proceedings in the said action as if he or they had, on the date of the said order dispensing with service, been served with notice of the said Judgment. The said Joseph Darnton, formerly of Ardwick, Manchester, left England many years ago, and is alleged to have resided at Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, and to have died there. THURSDAY, the 11th day of April, 1889, at 2 of the clock in the afternoon, at the said Chambers, is appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the claims.
Dated this 5th day of November, 1888.
H. F. CHURCH, Chief Clerk.
CUNLIFFES AND DAVENPORT, 43, Chancery-lane, W. C., Agents for Claye and Son, Manchester, Plaintiff's Solicitors.

N. S. W. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS ADVERTISING CO.
PUBLIC NOTICE.
On and after 1st January next the undersigned will be prepared to continue present advertisements, and arrange for new advertisements, upon all railway stations of the colony of N. S. W.
In the meantime business firms desiring to be furnished with estimates and particulars of stations and spaces thereon at disposal, are respectfully invited to apply at Head Office, 90, Pitt-street, Sydney.
C. WATSON MARTIN, Sole Lessee.

AUSTRALIAN GAS-LIGHT COMPANY.
NOTICE.
The OFFICE of this Company will be CLOSED for the Christmas Holidays on MONDAY, TUESDAY, and WEDNESDAY, 24th, 25th, and 26th instant.
Complaints will as usual be attended to in the Engineer's Office on those days.
W. JOHNSTON, Secretary.
Company's Office, Sydney, 21st December, 1888.

ST. JOSEPH'S INVESTMENT AND BUILDING SOCIETY, 73, Elizabeth-street.
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.
The OFFICES of the above society will be CLOSED on MONDAY, TUESDAY, and WEDNESDAY, 24th, 25th, and 26th December.

No. 100, HUNTER-STREET EAST.
DENTISTRY.—JOHN KAIN (Kain and Josephson) Dentists in General, are now prepared to undertake all ordinary, as well as the most difficult cases, in Dentistry.
A trial will convince the most fastidious.

DR. WILLIAM F. QUAIFE, will be away till THURSDAY, 27th INSTANT.
70, Hunter-street.

ALDENHOVEN, Pictureframe Maker, 74, Hunter-st., will not be Responsible for Pictures left over two months.

ORANGE BLOSSOM SOAP for Toilet, Bath, and Laundry, at all grocers', chemists'; samples free.

THE TURKISH BATHS, BLIGH-STREET.
FOR GENTLEMEN—
Open daily (except Sundays), from 8 a.m. till 8 p.m.
FOR LADIES—
On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 9 a.m. till 5 p.m.
C. A. SHERWIN.
June 15, 1888.

SEA BATHING.—The Corporation Baths at Bronte, Nelson's Bay, Waverley, are now open.

MY ROOMS OPEN as usual during the holidays. Adolphe Gabriel, dentist, corner George and Hunter sts.

SYDNEY PERMANENT FREEHOLD LAND AND BUILDING SOCIETY.
BANK HOLIDAY.
The OFFICES of the above Society will be CLOSED on MONDAY, TUESDAY, and WEDNESDAY, the 24th, 25th, and 26th instant.
J. W. BIBBY, Secretary.
333, Pitt-street, corner of Pitt and Bathurst streets, 21st December, 1888.

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AN EXAMINATION of intending applicants for the appointment of Inspector of Stock will be held at this Office, commencing on Monday, 14th January next, in accordance with the Rules published in the Government Gazette of 6th February, 1888.
Applicants must submit their names, with testimonials, to the undersigned, not later than Saturday, 5th January, and attend at 10 o'clock on the day of examination.
By order of the Board,
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